

# 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



Dear Friends in Christ

Over the past several years, the Redeemer family has been blessed by the completion of our "Sacred Space" project including the new sanctuary, Town Square, classrooms, gym and other facility upgrades, all intended so "That all may find a place at His Table." Through these efforts, we have created a strong foundation for ministry, community, and spiritual growth, positively impacting us in several ways:

- Growing worship attendance and new member growth
- Expanded Bible study participation
- A revitalized youth program
- Increased involvement in special missions and camp ministries
- Record-setting participation in our summer children's Bible programs
- New community outreach

The extraordinary generosity of this congregation allowed us to cover 85% of the cost of this \$8.7 million project, creating a space that better serves our current congregation and community while also positioning us for the future. We now have one last financial hurdle -- a \$1.2M loan with a balloon payment due May 2027.

To address this, we are holding a "special season of giving" -- a one-year period in which those who are able can help Redeemer close this final gap. We do this judiciously as we are already extremely grateful for the charitable nature of this congregation. However, eliminating our debt means we free our future resources for missions that define our church -- ministry, outreach, and service.

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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

## MARCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Attendance Average	2026	2025
In person Worship	516	506
Online Worship	68	55
Bible Class	152	117
Sunday School	34	24
<b>Monthly Attendance Totals</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
Communion	901	754
Visitors	78	95
<b>Month: March</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Income and Expenses</b>		
Income received	\$175,445	\$164,898
Budget requirements	\$175,678	\$162,886
General fund expenses	\$173,874	\$183,470
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$1,429,616	\$1,432,368
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$1,289,813	\$1,326,909

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I ask that during this period you prayerfully consider supporting Redeemer through lump-sum gifts or increased weekly giving. Any contribution—large or small—will make a difference. And, thanks to special Sacred Space contributions, we are able to match the first \$200,000 of giving, dollar-for-dollar. This will double the impact of your gifts and help facilitate our end goal.

Your gifts are not simply financial—they are blessings that will help shape Redeemer's mission for the coming generations.

For those who feel called and able to help, a heartfelt thank you in advance. After celebrating Redeemer's century of successful ministry, let's ensure the next 100 years continue with a sharing of our faith, not our debt.



### Ways to Give



- Give online via the church website under Church Giving and select the Sacred Space Fund for your donation.
- Checks: Please submit in a separate envelope from weekly giving and identify as Sacred Space.
- Scan the QR Code and select the Sacred Space Fund or click [here](#).



## PASTORAL ACTS

### FUNERALS

3/10/2026 - Carol J. Kurth

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Donations made to the Memorial Fund  
 in memory of:

*Carol Kurth*

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

If you would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one, please contact **Pastor Randy**. 2



Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

- LCMS.org Stewardship Monthly

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

*Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of this new month. As the world blooms around us, help me to grow in Your grace and wisdom. I surrender my plans to You and ask for Your guidance in every decision. Protect my family, heal my heart, and let Your peace rule in my life. May this month be filled with unexpected miracles and the joy of Your presence. Amen.*

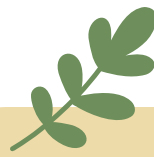


## READER



Help share God's Word in worship by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons! Readers of all ages (5-95) are welcome at any service. Sign up [here](#) or visit "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website. Questions? Contact the Church Office.

## GREETER



If you can offer a friendly "good morning," a handshake, and a welcoming smile—and have just 15 minutes on a Sunday morning—you can make a big impact as a greeter! Redeemer is looking for volunteers to welcome guests at the Town Square and Narthex doors before the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Bring a friend or your family and serve together. Sign up [here](#) or visit "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or contact Andrea Schlak for details.

# HOW CAN I SERVE?

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Tiffany Florist provides our weekly worship flowers, sponsored by congregation members.



Sanctuary Altar (2 vases): \$75

Chapel Altar (2 vases): \$55

Sanctuary or Chapel Lectern (1 planter): \$35  
Sanctuary flowers can be taken home after the 10:30 AM service; Chapel flowers after Monday night worship. Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board or click [here](#) or visit "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website.



## FAMILY USHERING

Your family can serve as Sunday ushers—handing out bulletins and helping with the offering. An experienced usher will be there to guide you. Sign up [here](#) or visit "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website. Contact Laura Vowell for details.

## ACOLYTING & CROSS BEARING



The Redeemer Acolyte & Cross Bearing Program is open to anyone who would like to serve and is required for Confirmation students. To sign up, click [here](#) or visit "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website. For questions or more information, contact our coordinator, Crissy Bienkowski

## MYSTERY PRELUDE



Have a song request? Sign up for organist Rick Helderop to play it during the Prelude at any Sunday service (8:00, 9:00, or 10:30 am)! Visit the church homepage or scan the QR code to access the request form. The \$10 fee supports our Mission Fund—thank you for participating!

## HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed to host Sunday morning coffee hour year-round! Simple instructions provided—no elaborate setup required. Sign up [here](#) or visit 'WAYS TO SERVE' on the church website or contact Kim Davis 248.613.4200



## YOUNG ADULTS

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

**CHURCH LUNCHES:**

Once a Month after Church  
Contact Ryan Teahan for location  
and any questions @ (248) 977-8015

## WOMEN

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Led by Kitty Sweitzer

**Tuesdays - 6:30pm - Great Room**

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study features the challenging and deep study of Jesus and Woman. Kristi McClelland "video teaches" the difference between Middle Eastern and Western culture: regard for women, hospitality, shame, honor and more. We watch the video and then feast on God's Word and the deeper meaning of His plan for our lives. You can enter this study without having enjoyed those that came before. We are on lesson 5 of 8 and each lesson stands alone. Try it....you might really like it .....and us! We will end our season together at Kitty's home on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 for a Very Happy Hour featuring appetizers and desserts.

Questions? [misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org).

# HOW CAN I GROW?

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Led by Kyle Chuhran

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

We are currently exploring the book of Romans. Come to learn from God's Word and from conversations with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

## MOMS

### MOMS IN THE WORD

Led by Crissy Bienkowski

**Mondays 9:15-10:45 - Library**

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

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

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastor Jimmy

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

Studying *Postcards from the Bible* - a look at some of the smaller books of the Bible

## ADULTS

## NEW MEMBERS

New Member Classes: Interested in becoming a member of Redeemer? Join us for the spring session of New Member Classes - Sundays at 9am in the Great Room! Want to transfer your membership to Redeemer? Reach out to Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org))!

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Led by Gary Priskorn

**Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am** • Great Room | Zoom available

Men of all ages are invited to join our study of Genesis. Enjoy meaningful discussion, great fellowship, and coffee & treats. For Zoom details or more information, contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext. 123).

## MEN

## KIDS & YOUTH

**Children's Sunday School: age 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Led by Nicole Olds **During 10:30am Service**

**Confirmation classes: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Led by Laura Vowell. **Wednesdays - 6-8pm**

**RYG: High School**

Led by Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski

**Sundays - 7pm, Wednesdays 6-8pm**

# WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 26th - 7:30pm - Town Square

Led by Stacey Rolf



*Beyond That, the Sea* by Laura Spence-Ash is our choice for the May 26 book group meeting in the Town Square at 7:30. This gorgeous novel, timed during World War II and told from both sides of the ocean about the profound impact on children and families of even the most benign forms of displacement, marks the debut of a very gifted writer. Spence-Ash's characters are deeply crafted and her precise, resonant prose adds to the depth of the story. Please join us for lively discussion and fellowship.

## POSITIVE PARENTING

Led by Victoria Ilitch

**Weds, 9:15-10:45am - Great Room**



We are a group of moms that discuss topics relating to family-life, parenting and motherhood. We explore a wide-range of books and ideas throughout the year and enjoy conversation, prayer and community with one another.

Nursery care is provided and is available on a drop-in basis for any younger children.

We are closing out a wonderful year with a party on 5/6. We look forward to celebrating the love, support, and fellowship from the year!

We will resume classes in the fall.

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

# HOW CAN I CONNECT?

## PATRIARCHS



We are a group of husbands, fathers of school-aged children, and soon-to-be dads with a goal of growing in our faith, building a strong community of Christian men, and discussing how we can better lead our families in faith with strength and humility. Come when you can, drop-ins welcome.

**Life Group: May 13 and May 27 - 8pm**

**Study Group: May 6 and May 20 - 8pm**

Questions? Contact Brandon Movitz (248-421-9226).

## PATHWAYS

### Grief and Loss Group



This month's meetings will be **May 6** and **May 20** at **1:00pm** in the Town Square. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho Redeemer's Resident Counselor, (248-568-6040),

## PRAYER GROUP



**May 1 and May 15 at 1pm**

Join Redeemer's new Prayer Group! Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for many years, gathering together allows us to support one another, grow spiritually, and experience God's presence more deeply.

Led by Cheryl Carr and Sue Helderop

## CHICKS WITH STICKS



**May 7 and May 21 - 1:00pm**

Many thanks to David Hamada, husband of Beth, and friend to our knitting group for a very generous donation to purchase yarns and other supplies for our projects. Beth was a founder of this group and donated time, energy and goods for the blessing of others. We are grateful. Thank you, David.

# HOW CAN I . . .

## KEEP MY KIDS OCCUPIED DURING THE SERVICE?



### WATCH CHURCH LIVE?

- 1) Go to the church website: [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org) (or click [here](#))
- 2) Click the first square with the big blue V.
- 3) Click on the video that has the LIVE indicator. The indicator will appear when the service has started.



Welcome to Redeemer, Little Ones! Worship alongside Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag—filled with soft toys, books, and quiet fun for the service. Please return bags to Nicole Olds' office afterward. Prefer to play? Our nursery is ready with lots of toys!!

### WATCH A PAST SERVICE?

- 1) Go to the church website. [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org) (or click [here](#))
- 2) 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. Closed Captioning is available on all videos.



### GET HELP HEARING THE SERVICE?



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.

### STOP BY THE CHURCH DURING THE WEEK?



Exterior doors will be locked weekdays from 9:00am–4:00pm (except during school drop-off & pick-up). Please use the Town Square Narthex intercom or the east Chapel door to be buzzed in by the Church Office.

Evening access will vary by event. Contact the Church Office with any questions.

### RECEIVE COMMUNION IN MY PEW?



If you're unable to come to the Chancel for Communion, please let an usher know before the service and we will gladly bring Communion to you in your pew.



# MISSIONS

## Family of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### RYG AND FAMILY OF GOD

May 11

RYG cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen the 2nd Monday of every month - join us in helping others! **\*Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner!**

**We'll carpool to FOG then get dinner together!**

### RELIEF FOR THE HOMELESS!

Support Our Local Homeless Shelters  
Redeemer is collecting donations to provide essential supplies for those experiencing homelessness during the cold months. Every gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,000! Give easily by: Scanning the QR code, or Writing a check to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (memo: "Homeless Shelter") and placing it in the offering plate or mailing/dropping it off at the church office.

Have a shelter close to your heart? Feel free to include your suggestion with your gift.



### 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. 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.**

### **Our Toiletry Drive was a SUCCESS!**

Two of our high school members, Vance Johnson & Colin Dobbs, organized the Toiletry Drive we had this past April. They were able to deliver a total of 54 bars of soap, 30+ bottles of shampoo, 103 tubes of toothpaste, 122 toothbrushes, 20+ packages of razors, 19 boxes of feminine products, 35+ deodorants, and an assortment of travel-sized toiletries to Family of God Church in Detroit! These items are greatly appreciated by the people that FOG serves!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generosity! And a special thank you to everyone who helped sort the toiletries during Family Service Night!



## YOUTH

# RYG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

\*\*8th graders are welcome at Youth Group for all May events!

May 3: Youth Group, 7-9pm

May 10th: No Youth Group - Mother's Day

May 11th: Family of God, 5-8:30pm

May 17th: Youth Group, 7-9pm

May 24th: No Youth Group - Memorial Day

May 31st: RYG Ushers at the 10:30 service

May 31st: Senior Sunday, 7-9pm

*We continue meeting on Wednesday evening from 6-8 throughout the summer. Incoming freshmen, outgoing seniors, and college kids are welcome!*

**Belize was amazing! See page 19 for photos and stories from the trip!**



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM  
FOR ANY SCHEDULE  
CHANGES

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**SCHOOL'S OUT LOCK-IN**  
**6-19-26**

**SUMMER**  
**Jams**  
Every Wednesday / 6-8pm  
Starts 6-24-26

## LIBRARY LIGHTS

### Happy May!

As we look at the world around us this month there are so many new things coming to life... leaves on trees, flowers, bumble bees and other insects. The library has many NEW books to offer as well.

In our Young Adult section we have a new series called *The Zion Covenant*. It is a historical fiction series by authors Bodie and Brock Thoene that chronicles the lives of people resisting the rise of Nazism in Europe before and during World War II. Focusing on Jewish characters and the eventual founding of Israel, this nine-book series is known for artfully and accurately weaving suspenseful narratives with real historical events.

*The Lutheran Bible Companion, Volumes 1 & 2* is a new set in our reference section. Published by Concordia Publishing House, *The Lutheran Bible Companion* is a two-volume, comprehensive guide that offers theological, historical, and cultural insights specifically from a Lutheran perspective. This series introduces books of the Bible, gives detailed outlines, and contains over 600 color photos/maps, and reflections from Martin Luther and Johann Gerhard.

In our Adult Non-fiction section we have the book *Day 7: For Work, Rest, or Play*. This book by Joel Biermann explores the concept of the commandment "Remember the Sabbath by Keeping it Holy". Biermann invites readers to join him on an exploration of the Sabbath and how it's all about living in the joy and celebration of God's good gifts. Starting with a look at what both Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible says about the Sabbath gives a foundational understanding of what God says. Then, readers can see how to apply it in their work, personal, and leisure, rest, and day-to-day activities.

As always, please email [library@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:library@redeemberirmingham.org) with any questions or hold requests. Our on-line catalog is available at <https://luthernchurch.library.site/>

Happy Reading!

# Confirmation

## 2026



### Aven Baker



Aven attends Our Shepherd Lutheran School where her favorite subjects are Literature and History, and she is on student council and serves as the president! She is also the team captain for Our Shepherd's volleyball team! Aven loves Christmastime, being with family/friends, crocheting, and watching TV. Aven's best vacation was a Disney Cruise during Thanksgiving. She and her siblings made lots of new friends on the ship! Aven admires her older brother and sister the most because they are always there for her. Aven hopes to attend college (one that she LOVES!) and then get a job doing something creative, perhaps interior design. Her favorite memories from Confirmation are JAMS events (especially lock-ins) and sermon reports!

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28*

### Anna Baranowski



Anna attends Derby Middle School where her favorite subject is ELA and is part of WEB, the 8th grade leadership club. Anna enjoys spending time with family/friends, hanging out with her dog, reading, and paddle boarding on Lake Michigan. Her favorite vacation was a trip to Paris where she saw the Eiffel Tower and even traveled to the very top of it! Anna admires her mom the most in life because she is inspiring! After high school, Anna would like to go to college and travel! Anna's favorite memories of Confirmation are making new friends and hanging out with them on the retreats!

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16*

### Jackson Dean



Jackson attends Berkshire Middle School where his favorite class is Science and he plays tennis. He also plays lacrosse! In his free time, Jackson enjoys eating good food, hanging out with friends, playing video games, and practicing sports. His favorite vacation was a cruise to Mexico where he got to taste a coconut! After high school, Jackson hopes to attend Michigan State and become an engineer or a scientist!

*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD. - Psalm 31:24*

## Avery Friedrich



Avery attends Royal Oak Middle School where she enjoys Social Studies and plays volleyball. She also plays volleyball for Unified. In her spare time, Avery likes to bake, shop with her mom, and hang out with friends. Her best vacation was a Carnival Cruise to the Caribbean because it was her birthday and she got to go with her best friend! Avery admires her mom because she is a kind and loving person. After high school, Avery plans to go to college and obtain a nursing degree – her end goal is to be a pediatric nurse! During Confirmation, Avery enjoyed making new friends and learning about God!

*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. – Romans 6:11*

## Josh Hugel



Josh attends Berkshire Middle School where his favorite class is Math and he is part of the robotics team that qualified for the State Championship – the Techno Tacos! He also plays baseball! Josh enjoys church, school, friends, family, and reading. His favorite vacation was a trip to London where he was able to visit Big Ben at night and take photos! Josh admires his grandfather the most in life because he faced hardship throughout his life but always prevailed and came out stronger. After high school, Josh hopes to attend M.I.T for aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering. He would one day like to work for NASA! Josh loved Confirmation and the community he has found at Redeemer. A fun fact about Josh is that he spent 13 months growing out his hair so that he could donate it to cancer patients. This is especially close to his heart because his sister survived childhood cancer. This act of kindness not only helped someone in need, but it also brought Josh and his sister closer together!

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7*

## Sophie Kamm



Sophie attends Our Shepherd Lutheran School where her favorite subjects are Gym and Social Studies, and she plays soccer. She also plays soccer for a rec team, along with basketball. Sophie also enjoys hanging out with family/friends, getting into a good book, knitting, and listening to music. Her best vacation spot is South Haven where she goes every year with her family. They hang out together, swim, and eat good food! Sophie admires her mom the most in life because she is a kind, faithful Christian who shows God's love to everyone. After graduating from Lutheran High Northwest, Sophie hopes to attend Grand Valley and ultimately become a speech pathologist. Sophie's favorite memories of Confirmation were the JAMS events because she was able to have fun and make new friends!

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33*

## Joey LaLone



Joey attends Clarkston Junior High School where his favorite subject is Science. He also plays football for the Clarkston Wolves! Joey enjoys hanging out with friends and playing sports – football, basketball, baseball, and golf. Joey’s favorite vacation was a trip to Chicago where he loved seeing the city and going to a Cubs game! After high school Joey hopes to attend college and go into some type of sports field.

*In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. – I Samuel 18:14*

## Josh Olds



Josh attends Berkshire Middle School where his favorite subjects are Math and Orchestra – he plays the cello! He is also a robotics builder for the Berkshire Robotics Team – the Techno Tacos! Josh is on the swim team and plays baseball. Josh likes spending time with family and gaming with his friends. His favorite vacation was a trip to Universal Studios where he enjoyed the rides and the good food! Josh admires his dad the most in life because he works through pain! After high school, Josh hopes to attend college. Josh’s favorite memories of Confirmation are playing with friends during snack time and earning candy during Small Groups!

*“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” – Joshua 24:15*

## Christian Pedersen



Christian attends Our Shepherd Lutheran School where his favorite subject is Social Studies. He enjoys playing tennis, taking boxing lessons, taking flying lessons, making music, riding bikes, skateboarding, and being an uncle to Eloise! Christian’s best vacation was a trip to South Carolina where he went fishing with his dad and older brothers. He admires his older brother, Andrew, the most because he is a great role model – he has a strong faith, is kind, and works hard. In the future, Christian hopes to start his own business and become an entrepreneur. Christian’s favorite memories of Confirmation are attending JAMS events – especially lock-ins!

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.  
– Ephesians 4:32*

## Nick Springer



Nick attends Our Shepherd Lutheran School where his favorite subject is History, and he plays the trumpet in band. He is also part of chess club and book club. Nick plays lots of sports including basketball, tennis and cross country. In his spare time, he likes to read, play/watch sports, play piano, play board games, solve logic puzzles, and listen to music. His favorite vacations are trips up north where he swims in the lake! Nick admires his dad the most in life because his dad is kind to everyone, encourages Nick in everything he does, plays sports/board games with Nick, and helps Nick out! After attending high school at Lutheran High Northwest, Nick hopes to attend the University of Michigan to study Math and History – his end goal is to become a statistical analyst! Nick's favorite memories of Confirmation are JAMS lock-ins, the 5 'n' 5 parties, playing dodgeball, hanging out with friends, and learning about Jesus!

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” – Jeremiah 29:11*

## Henry Sutherland



Henry attends Birmingham Covington School where his favorite subject is Math and he enjoys being on the Science Olympian Team. Henry also likes to sail, row crew, scuba dive, spend time with his dog, and build Legos. He admires his parents the most in life because they have both been through a lot and remain faithful and strong. In the future, Henry hopes to become a lawyer or a doctor. Henry's favorite memories of Confirmation are the JAMS fall retreat and playing games like SWAT and Aliens in the Church!

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. – Deuteronomy 31:6*

## Claire Tafel



Claire attends West Middle School in Rochester Hills where she enjoys U.S. History class and is on the track team and basketball team! When she has free time, Claire simply enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite vacation was a trip to Florida where she did lots of swimming and ate good food! Claire admires her parents the most in life because they always help her out when she needs it. After high school, Claire wants to attend college and become a teacher! Her favorite part of Confirmation were the games they played during Small Group!

*God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. – Psalm 46:5*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## VBS June 15-19

The VBS team is working hard to prepare for this year's amazing week. Come and explore with us!

Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God is our theme this year. Our registration started in March online. See the website for more details or click [here!](#) Check the weekly announcements for any other donations we might need. We can't wait to go on this new adventure with you!

Blessings from the 2026 team: Megan Rettray, Crissy Bienkowski, Emily Imhoff and Nicole Olds



### We Need You!

We are looking for adults of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun. We will need teachers, classroom helpers, people in the craft area and kitchen sous chefs just to name a few. Please consider volunteering. See the sign-up [here](#) for the craft area and kitchen or talk to Nicole. If you are interested in teaching, please reach out to Nicole Olds ([nolds@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:nolds@redeemberirmingham.org))

### Calling all bakers!

Calling all bakers and snack lovers! VBS snacks are covered for kids, but our teen and adult volunteers would love a treat too. Consider bringing bagels, baked goods, chips, or fruit/veggies. Sign up [here](#) to help or talk to Nicole Olds — thank you!



### Save the Date!

Redeemer is heading to a ball game again this summer! Join us for a game at UWM Field (formally Jimmy Johns field) on Friday, July 17. Enjoy an All American BBQ before the game. Tickets including the meal are \$40/person. Contact Nicole Olds if you have any questions.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School will start June 21<sup>st</sup>. We meet every Sunday during the summer. The teachers who teach during the school year take a break during the summer so I am inviting YOU to help out and teach. It can be one week or more, whatever works into your schedule. I am happy to walk you through the lesson which I provide. We have a lesson and then head to the playground for fellowship and popsicles. Contact Nicole Olds to sign up or if you have questions.



### SCAMPER CAMP!

Scamper camps are during the summer for 2 year olds – kids just finishing 1st grade. Each week is a new theme and runs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 to 1:00 with extended day option until 2:30. There is still space available in some weeks but there is also a waitlist. Information and the registration form is available on the website. Questions contact Nicole Olds.



### Redeemer Summer Kamp

August 2-8, 2026



Summer is almost here and that means it is time to start thinking about Redeemer Summer Kamp. Kamp is a week-long sleep away camp for kids who will be entering 3rd-9th grade in the fall of 2026. We mix traditional summer camp fun with bible study and worship. Kamp is a wonderful outreach ministry so invite a friend to join you this year for Kamp!. Registration is now open Lots of information can be found on the website at [lcr.church/kamp](http://lcr.church/kamp). Email Erin Springer with questions [redeemerkamp@gmail.com](mailto:redeemerkamp@gmail.com).

GLORIFY GOD  
AMONG THE NATIONS

JOIN US FOR THE  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER!

*"Tell of His glory among the nations,  
His wonderful deeds among all the  
peoples." - 1 Chronicles 16:24*

In honor of the 250th anniversary  
of our great nation, we invite you  
to join us on Thursday, May 7th for  
the 75th National Day of Prayer. A  
short worship service with prayer  
will be held in the Chapel at  
11:30am with special music  
provided by Westmaple Preschool  
students! We hope to see you  
there!



SEEKING HIM  
IN ALL GENERATIONS  
1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



May

May 1

Confirmation Rehearsal

May 2

Confirmation Day

May 3

Spring New Member Class

May 7

National Day of Prayer

May 10

Mother's Day

Spring New Member Class

May 14

The Birmingham Musicale  
Luncheon & Performance

May 15

Square Dance

May 17

New Member Brunch  
Langsford Men's Chorus  
Spring Concert

May 19

Pathways Grief Group  
Bocce Ball

May 25

Memorial Day  
Office & Building Closed

May 26

Women's Book Group

## Spotlight on Tim and Erin

Tim serves as Camp Director and Erin as Assistant Director and Registrar, but their story with Kamp goes back much further. Tim first attended in 1988 as a 3rd grader, Erin followed in 1992 as a 5th grader. They met in 1998 during their first summer on staff, and have since served in nearly every role—from



campers to CIT, counselors, and program directors—before stepping into their current leadership positions. Today, their three children (3rd grade, 5th grade and 8th grade) are part of the Kamp experience as well.

They came back as adults because of a love for Kamp and a desire to give other kids the same unforgettable experience they had growing up. That passion is what keeps them coming back year after year. Kamp is more

than just a summer program—Kamp is an amazing life changing experience for kids and staff. Erin said "Kamp is the most fun way to serve our church and our God, using our talents to teach God's Word and God's

love to our campers and staff. And we are beyond blessed to be able to see our kids love Kamp like we do." The most rewarding part of what they do is the

relationships they build with campers and staff each summer. There's something special about stepping away from the distractions of

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# Q&A



WITH  
**CARRIE**

Q What is your official job title at Redeemer?

A I love being the Office Manager at Redeemer!

Q What's one thing you believed as a child that now makes you laugh?

A That gullible was written on the ceiling - ha!

Q If you could permanently eliminate one chore from your to-do list, which would it be? -

A Folding laundry. I don't mind DOING laundry, but folding and putting it away is a different story.

Q What is part of your daily routine that you look forward to every day?

A My daily workout and morning devotion with a fresh cup of coffee - all done while my house is still quiet.

Q What has God been teaching you recently?

A Patience. And to learn to relinquish control. (That's technically two, but they go hand-in-hand.)

Q If you could instantly learn any skill, what would it be?

A Bread making. I love to cook and bake, but yeast and I don't get along.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

Join Redeemer's 16th annual  
Fred Hollis Memorial

# BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, MAY 19 - 6:00PM

Sign up in the Town Square!

The Hollis House

See Pastor Jimmy for address and details

## Come join the fun! ♦ Square Dance

· 21+ · BYOB · Dinner Provided ·



♦ No experience required—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll handle the rest!

# Friday, May 15

## 6:00pm \$10/person

Sign up using the QR code or in the Town Square. Contact Pastor Jimmy for questions



### **A note from the Kitchen Witch**

Phew! Lenten dinners, showers, FOG, Seder Feast, Westmaple parties, baptisms, birthday parties all took place over the last few months with amazing volunteers working away to feed so many people in a labor of love. And guess what? The Kitchen Witch is really proud of the effort made by those in charge of their events to take clean-up and maintenance of the area seriously. Still, we need to do a deep cleaning after a very busy season. Watch the bulletin for a kitchen cleaning party date in June. Volunteers will gather in the kitchen with rags, scrubbers and buckets to make our facility shiny, bright, and uber clean. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board and I am looking for hard workers to help alongside me to shine this little jewel up. Men are welcome to join us.



**Faithful**



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## Resource Spotlight

### Medicare's Multifold Services for Senior Residential Care

**Medicare.gov**

When it comes to Medicare, most of us think – Medical Insurance for adults over 65 years old. But Medicare goes well beyond insurance benefits, offering specific services and resources for seniors looking for nursing homes and residential facilities. Medicare offers an on-line website: Medicare.gov, which can save families time, confusion, and frustration when they are looking for residential living care for their elderly loved ones.

This healthcare website helps find and compare local nursing and rehabilitation services with just an address and zip code. Medicare.gov also provides ratings and comparisons on performance in three areas: Health Inspections, Staffing and Quality of Resident Care. Medicare has a wealth of resources for finding hospitals, providers (doctors, nurses) and clinicians, home health services, hospice, in-patient rehab centers, long term care hospitals, dialysis facilities, medical equipment and supplies.

To take advantage of these complimentary resources offered by Medicare, go to Medicare.gov and surf through the many offerings and benefits which assist families in finding the best resources for their elderly loved ones.

Watch for more information and ideas from the Faithful Friends “Spotlight” article in the June Lamp, on-line or available in hard copy from the Redeemer office.

If you are interested in being a part of the Faithful Friends Ministry, or know of an older member who may want a “Faithful Friend”, contact anyone in the Ministry team:

*Gary Priskorn, Marilyn Staargaard, Diane Johns, Pam Tyndall or Cheryl Carr.*



**June 2**

Scamper Camp Starts

**June 3**

Patriarchs Study Group

**June 5**

Prayer Group

**June 10**

Patriarchs Life Group

**June 15-19**

Vacation Bible School

**June 17**

Patriarchs Study Group

**June 19**

Prayer Group

JAMS School's Out Lock-in

**June 21**

Father's Day

**June 23**

Women's Book Group

**June 24**

iZosh Celebration

Patriarchs Life Group

Summer JAMS



# Mission to Belize - 2026



The mission trip is always something I look forward to. The connections within our mission team, my newfound connection to a new place, and my connection to the Lord. After every trip, I experience a faith high that sets it apart from any other experience.

This trip really showed me the difference between my life and those living with much less than me. We met a man who works as an upholsterer that had \$10 in his pocket. He chose to give it all to a local church in need, and in turn was blessed with a job that provided him with money far beyond the \$10 he had originally. Seeing the Lord work through this man and his conviction inspired me to continue my walk with Christ. On our last day that same man, who no longer goes to church regularly, stopped by the church specifically to attend the farewell service they hosted for us. Having the chance to talk to him and let him know how much he meant to us made me feel so blessed.

The hardest part about this trip was leaving, which means it truly made an impact on my soul. I met a 13 year old girl, Berenice, at our VBS program, who told me that she really needed a friend. I was so happy to be that friend for her, even if just for a few days. I didn't realize how connected I would feel to the people I met in Belize, but I pray the Lord is watching over those kids in Belize (especially Berenice), keeping them safe and happy. It was an experience that changed my life - far beyond what I ever expected. - Brooke Hugel, 10th grade



The mission trip to Belize changed me, I think more than people may realize. This trip was filled with many personal firsts—my first time on an airplane, my first time leaving North America, and my first time being in the ocean—but more importantly, it changed how I see my place in the world.

Staying in Belize made me realize how fortunate I am. During our home visits, I was moved by the stories of people whose faith remained strong despite immense challenges, such as health issues or the loss of loved ones. These encounters reminded me how lucky I am to have the opportunity to attend church and grow in my faith freely.

The trip also highlighted how often I take simple things for granted. When talking to the kids at the VBS we hosted I got to learn more about their lives and learned they don't have simple comforts we take for granted like having markers or crayons at home. Despite having very little, they were incredibly generous, bringing us gifts and candy as thanks. Their openness and joy, whether playing tag in the rain or having a water fight, showed me that meaningful connections can transcend language and age.

Ultimately, this trip taught me that true happiness is found in relationships and in God, rather than in material things. Sometimes we're too absorbed in our phones or in school to see that. I am forever grateful for this experience and for the team that helped strengthen my faith. - Kate Millichamp, 10th grade

## COUNSELING CORNER

In C.S Lewis' book "The Problem with Pain" he opines "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts to us in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." In this self-sufficient, technology distracted (cell-phone-scrolling) hedonistic self-obsessed culture we don't have a fighting chance to hear the voice of God. Even when our soul is crying out to Him for help, we must make a conscious self-directed choice to separate from everyone and thing and go into the secret place or prayer room with Jesus.

It was astounding to hear the astronauts who just returned from the Artemis II unified in their acknowledgement that there was no question that a "Higher Power" created what they all observed in space. More specifically, the pilot, Victor Glover, was incredibly vocal in giving God the Glory for what He observed personally and how it inexplicably affected him while in space. At times, during the media interview, he and others were so moved by what they saw they could hardly speak.

"He explicitly thanked God in public upon his return, stating that the gratitude of seeing such a spectacular creation was "too big" to be in one body".

So, I ask you Redeemer friends, is this magnanimous God, the Great I AM, Creator of this Universe too small or ineffective to help you solve your problems? Is He right now shouting to some of us in our pain? I submit to you unequivocally - YES!!

May I suggest you take the first step forward in taking His hand and letting Him lead you through the challenges you are facing with relationships, finances, job, health. Just ask Him to help you and Believe HE will help you and He will. Call out to him. He sees you. His eyes are on you. I promise, you are not alone. Hagar when banished to the dessert by Sarah called out to God as she felt His presence and compassion, she referred to Him as "El Roi", The God Who Sees.

It has been my experience and observation with clients that secular counseling without inviting God's intervention and counsel is pretty much ineffective long term. Warm fuzzies and psychobabble alone, fade over time. God is the Real Answer.

*Call to me and I will answer you and show you great unsearchable things you do not know. - Jeremiah 33:3.*

What have you got to lose? El Roi sees you. You matter to Him.

- Dr. Sandy Pourcho

## MUSIC MINISTRY



### Kate DeBoer Stepping Down

May 3rd will be the final Sunday for our long-time Chancel Choir Soprano section-leader, Kate DeBoer. Kate is going into nursing, and due to the increased demands on her time, she felt like she needed to step down from her leadership position in the choir.

We have all enjoyed Kate's beautiful voice along with her great energy and fun sense of humor. Please take the time to express your personal thanks to her for her faithful service in the music ministry at Redeemer. Much love and prayers to Kate as she starts this next exciting chapter in her life. She will be missed. *"The Lord bless you and keep you."*

### Summer Special Music Needed

Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would be willing to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for a 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer, please let Steve SeGraves know. ([stevensegraves@gmail.com](mailto:stevensegraves@gmail.com))

Summer special music will be needed beginning on Sunday, June 7th, and all the way through Labor Day weekend. Volunteers will be needed to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer.





# Camp Restore Detroit

Restoring Hope



## 2026 Marks 10 Years of Redeemer Support for Camp Restore Detroit



For over 10 years, Redeemer has answered the call for Camp Restore Detroit.

Our work teams started with bunk beds, built with strength and care for the hundreds of campers traveling to do God's will.

Redeemer teams were instrumental in helping Camp Restore transform school rooms into dorms and lounges, providing safe shelter for those serving.



As Redeemer helped Camp Restore Detroit expand, we cleared out blighted lots, helped neighbors with their yards, and created the "Garden of Eatin" community garden and park.

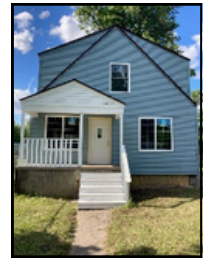


We rolled up our sleeves and helped in the clean-out and renovation of the little White House, changing it into the "Little Blue House".



Redeemer's most visible contribution to the transformation of the Camp Restore Detroit campus has been the Redeemer house, now known as the Redeemer Café.

While a lot of work has been done on the Redeemer Café, there is plenty more work to do. Our Camp Restore Detroit mission continues – and we are off to a great start!



If you haven't been down to campus recently, please come visit. Come see the all-new, brick paved Community Quad. "The Quad" will become a gathering place for residents, volunteers and campers alike. It offers safe walking paths which will one day lead to an all-new outdoor pavilion.



We are calling once again for Redeemer volunteers to engage and help keep the positive momentum going at Camp Restore.

To hear more great news about Camp Restore Detroit and to sign up for future Redeemer work days contact Mark Kaline ([mkaline@aol.com](mailto:mkaline@aol.com)), Jon Duff ([duffjon53@gmail.com](mailto:duffjon53@gmail.com)), or Tanya Karn ([tanya@camprestore.org](mailto:tanya@camprestore.org)).





## Lutheran Adult Gathering 2026

October 9-11, 2026  
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

For decades, the Lutheran Adult Gathering has been bringing God's people to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for a mountaintop experience of spiritual renewal. This year we will gather under the theme "In His Presence: Go - Make - Share," based on the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20.

Speakers Greg Finke and Ryan Tinetti will equip us for sharing the Gospel in our context.

As we gather "In His presence," we will be renewed and refreshed, surrounded by the fellowship of believers, and equipped to give a joyful witness to the living hope we have in Jesus. Join us!

### Registration Cost: \$50/person

This cost includes programming and ferry to the island.

### Hotel Costs Separate

Once you've completed your general registration, you will be provided a link in your confirmation email to complete your lodging reservations. Cost includes 2 nights and 4 meals.

Single Occupancy - \$826 for Grand or \$906 for Lakeview  
Double Occupancy - Per Person \$496 Grand/\$536 Lakeview  
Triple Occupancy - Per Person \$428 Grand/\$457 Lakeview  
Quad Occupancy - Per Person \$397 Grand/\$417 Lakeview

For more information and to register, click [here](#) or visit <https://michigandistrict.org/event/lutheran-adult-gathering-2026>



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Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 4:00pm  
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
1800 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI



Phone: (248) 592 - 7455  
Tickets: \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance at [www.langsfordmenschorus.org](http://www.langsfordmenschorus.org)  
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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has shown such kindness and care since Bert was called home to heaven. My family and I are deeply grateful for the prayers, love, and comfort you've surrounded us with during this difficult time. Your support means more than words can express.

- Cheryl Schiller and Family



# MAY

## BIBLE READING PLAN

**1**

Judges 13:1-14:20  
John 1:29-51  
Psalm 102:1-28  
Proverbs 14:15-16

**2**

Judges 15:1-16:31  
John 2:1-25  
Psalm 103:1-22  
Proverbs 14:17-19

**3**

Judges 17:1-18:31  
John 3:1-21  
Psalm 104:1-23  
Proverbs 14:20-21

**4**

Judges 19:1-20:48  
John 3:22-4:3  
Psalm 104:24-35  
Proverbs 14:22-23

**5**

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22  
John 4:4-42  
Psalm 105:1-15  
Proverbs 14:25

**6**

Ruth 2:1-4:22  
John 4:43-54  
Psalm 105:16-36  
Proverbs 14:26-27

**7**

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21  
John 5:1-23  
Psalm 105:37-45  
Proverbs 14:28-29

**8**

1 Samuel 2:22-4:22  
John 5:24-47  
Psalm 106:1-12  
Proverbs 14:30-31

**9**

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17  
John 6:1-21  
Psalm 106:13-31  
Proverbs 14:32-33

**10**

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27  
John 6:22-42  
Psalm 106:32-48  
Proverbs 14:34-35

**11**

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15  
John 6:43-71  
Psalm 107:1-43  
Proverbs 15:1-3

**12**

1 Samuel 12:1-13:23  
John 7:1-30  
Psalm 108:1-13  
Proverbs 15:4

**13**

1 Samuel 14:1-52  
John 7:31-53  
Psalm 109:1-31  
Proverbs 15:5-7

**14**

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23  
John 8:1-20  
Psalm 110:1-7  
Proverbs 15:8-10

**15**

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4  
John 8:21-30  
Psalm 111:1-10  
Proverbs 15:11

**16**

1 Samuel 18:5-19:24  
John 8:31-59  
Psalm 112:1-10  
Proverbs 15:12-14

**17**

1 Samuel 20:1-21:15  
John 9:1-41  
Psalm 113:1-114:8  
Proverbs 15:15-17

**18**

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29  
John 10:1-21  
Psalm 115:1-18  
Proverbs 15:18-19

**19**

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44  
John 10:22-42  
Psalm 116:1-19  
Proverbs 15:20-21

**20**

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25  
John 11:1-54  
Psalm 117:1-2  
Proverbs 15:22-23

**21**

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13  
John 11:55-12:19  
Psalm 118:1-18  
Proverbs 15:24-26

**22**

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11  
John 12:20-50  
Psalm 118:19-29  
Proverbs 15:27-28

**23**

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39  
John 13:1-30  
Psalm 119:1-16  
Proverbs 15:29-30

**24**

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23  
John 13:31-14:14  
Psalm 119:17-32  
Proverbs 15:31-32

**25**

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18  
John 14:15-31  
Psalm 119:33-48  
Proverbs 15:33

**26**

2 Samuel 9:1-11:27  
John 15:1-27  
Psalm 119:49-64  
Proverbs 16:1-3

**27**

2 Samuel 12:1-31  
John 16:1-33  
Psalm 119:65-80  
Proverbs 16:4-5

**28**

2 Samuel 13:1-39  
John 17:1-26  
Psalm 119:81-96  
Proverbs 16:6-7

**29**

2 Samuel 14:1-15:22  
John 18:1-24  
Psalm 119:97-112  
Proverbs 16:8-9

**30**

2 Samuel 15:23-16:23  
John 18:25-19:22  
Psalm 119:113-128  
Proverbs 16:10-11

**31**

2 Samuel 17:1-29  
John 19:23-42  
Psalm 119:129-152  
Proverbs 16:12-13



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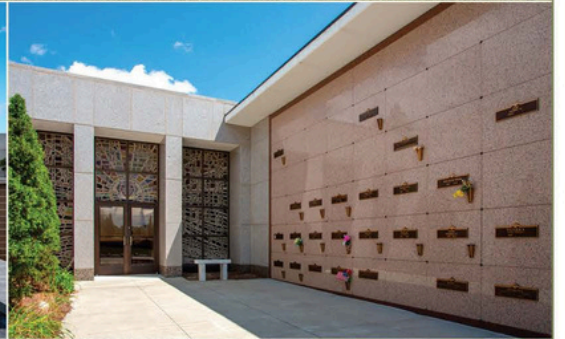
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Carl Schiller

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Ron Marks  
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## May 3

Eero Laansoo  
Caroline Lagoe  
Paris Lewbel  
Matt Lund  
Brian Margosian  
Stacy Poppert  
Sloane Stolzenfeld  
Nancy Tar  
Alex Tyler  
Antonia Violante  
Michael Young

## May 4

Anne Chojnowski  
Don Klopcc  
Jackson Ortiz  
Morgan Wolfe  
Madison Wood

## May 5

Brooke Burchill  
Kyle Chuhran  
Todd Jones  
Judy Weir

## May 6

Caleb Hurst  
Dane Lepola  
Katie McCann  
Kurtis McCann  
Marjorie McCann  
Christine Mosey

## May 7

Daniel Schultz

## May 8

Tripp Conover  
Jeff Kidder  
Charles Klaus  
John Mills

## May 9

Nicole Ebert  
Sara Gildner  
Diane Johns  
Sandy Pourcho

## May 10

Savanah DeVos  
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Alex Lonze  
Beau Movitz

## May 11

Heather Calvaneso  
Cliff Clark  
Bryan Grattan  
Wayne Lepola  
Cara O'Neill  
Milo Piturro  
Ben Sinko  
Joseph Szafranic

## May 12

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Kathryn Couger  
Grace Girdler  
Zoe Hardoin  
Calvin Miesel  
Cameran Pitlanish  
Nick Snell

## May 13

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Kelsey Denman-Duggan  
Henry Dobring  
Jim Endress  
Theodore Miesel  
Katie Noettl  
Jay Turner

## May 14

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Jacob Ilitch  
Gwyneth Lietz  
Dylan Reck  
Liz Taylor  
Mary Jane Wolfe

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Nathan Gaenssle  
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Zachary Noettl  
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Hudson Seme  
Patrice Taormina

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