

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

THE LAMP

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

October
2026

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FROM THE PASTOR



"Are you excited to be back?" The last few months have been a surreal experience for me and my family. It is not easy to pick up a life that has many touchpoints of God's goodness and start all over again. It is also not often that you get the opportunity to return to the very place that has helped to shape my understanding of God's goodness and the blessing it is to be His Church. I know that I am preaching to the choir when I say that Redeemer is a special place. To be trusted to join in the continuation of such a legacy for a new generation and to also experience God's goodness and blessing is both humbling and, yes, exciting!

Redeemer already has a lifetime of memories for me. It is where Mark Wuggazer spoke about what he saw God doing in me and challenged me to help him lead the Youth Ministry while I was still a teenager. It is where I witnessed Gary Priskorn model servant leadership, living out his motto, "Ministry is about relationships!" as I was finishing my Family Life Internship for my undergraduate degree at Concordia Ann Arbor. It is where I learned nothing is more encouraging than a greeting and smile from Miss Kitty. It is where, after being encouraged and supported to go to the seminary by Pastor Randy, I was also invited to return and preach my first sermon (ironically, the text for that morning was Luke 4:16-30, look it up!)

Redeemer is where I became my grandfather's godfather, standing beside him while Pastor Cary Richert baptized him in the chapel, the same chapel where we held my godson's funeral service not many months later. It is where I took my wedding vows and learned what it meant to be a faithful husband and father. In front of that same altar, a few years later, I took my second set of vows, to be a faithful pastor. Redeemer has always been what I picture as "home," no matter where God had sent us, from working with families in Knoxville, TN, teaching students in Southgate, MI, to planting a Church in Nashville, TN.

"Are you excited to be back?" Well, it isn't easy to pick up a life that has many touchpoints of God's goodness and start all over again. But then again, as I preach to the choir, Redeemer is a special place. There will be seasons of laughter, seasons of sadness; there will be good days and hard days, but knowing that we will go forward together in God's goodness and blessing, well, that is exciting!

Pastor Mark



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nurture people in their Christian faith,
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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

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Attendance Average	2026	2025
In person Worship	388	318
Online Worship	54	49
Bible Class	130	95
Sunday School	28	22
Monthly Attendance Totals	2026	2025
Communion	711	470
Visitors	97	58
Month: August	2026	2025
Income and Expenses		
Income received	\$96,673	\$150,826
Budget requirements	\$229,743	\$139,374
General fund expenses	\$174,774	\$174,698
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$2,108,778	\$2,107,962
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$2,099,014	\$2,151,291

PASTORAL ACTS



Funerals

8/14/2026

Carl J. Aebersold

8/31/2026

Rosemarie Bully Warnicke

Weddings

8/29/2026

Ryan Lane & Dana Bolcer

Baptisms

8/08/2026

Olive Christina Doolin

8/08/2026

Shea Marie Bowers

8/09/2026

Simone Isabel Harris

8/09/2026

Sophia Grace Pargoff

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Embracing the New Season

Heavenly Father, as we step into the new month of October, I embrace it as a season of transformation and revelation. October marks a shift in the natural world, with leaves changing colors and cooler breezes, reminding us that change is an integral part of Your divine design.

As nature reveals its beauty and prepares for the winter, let my spirit also be prepared for the shifts and turns that come my way. Lord, let this month be a time of introspection, growth, and renewal.



LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

The Lutheran Witness (LW) is the official periodical of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Published 11 times a year, LW provides laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, help foster personal growth in faith, and interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Each issue includes the Michigan In Touch (michiganintouch.com) supplement.

If you are interested in a subscription for the upcoming year, please contact the Church Office.

***Subscription sign-up and checks are due to the Church Office by Friday, November 13th.**



Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

- LCMS.org Stewardship Monthly

ALL SAINTS' DAY

In keeping with an old All Saint's Day tradition, during our worship services on November 1st and 2nd, we will remember the following people who were born to the Church Triumphant in the past year.

*Carl J. Aebersold
Roger Campbell
Torbjörn "Tobbe" Ericsson
Wayne Thomas Gray
Anita Vondell Hacker
Carol J. Kurth
Roy Frederick Meister
Suzan Miller
Norman Eugene Morrell
Barbara Joan Morrell*

*Andrew Donald Nonahal
Charles L. Norman
Ralph A. Pedersen
David L. Peterson
Robert Petrillo
Norbert Louis Schiller
Cecile "Jackie" Seeger
Amy Venae Silva
Robert Henry Smith
Betty F. Stankey*

*Christopher B. Stockmeyer
Shirley Struck
Carol J. Swope
Betsy L. Ukrop
Rosemarie Bully Warnicke
Thomas "Tom" Weisz*

***PLEASE NOTE:** During the service, there will be a time for anyone who wishes to come to the altar to light a candle to memorialize a loved one.



Fall into a Bible Study!



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 a book of the Bible. Enjoy meaningful discussion, great fellowship, coffee & treats. Current study is on the book of James.

Moms in the Word *Led by Crissy Bienkowski*

Mondays 9:15–10:45am - 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. We are starting a look at the life of Moses and what we can learn from his journey.

Questions or want more information?
Contact Crissy Bienkowski 989-450-3946
crissybienkowski@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Bible Study *Led by Kyle Chuhran*

Sundays, 10:00am - Scheidt Room

Looking to dive deeper into God's Word in a relaxed, welcoming environment? Join us as we explore various books of the Bible.

This isn't a lecture—it's a conversation. We focus on open discussion, examining the context of the scripture, and discerning how to live out God's truths in our daily lives as Christians.

Each session is designed to stand alone with no pre-reading/studying required, so you can step in any time and find value in what you learn. Whether you've been studying the Bible for decades or are just getting started, your voice and questions are welcome here. We will be studying the book of John.

We hope to see you there!

Women's Bible Study *Led by Kitty Sweitzer*

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - Great Room

He Speaks to Me - Preparing to Hear From God with Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore is a Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study special, written 20 years ago and updated for its anniversary presentation. A simple relationship, a single-minded worship, a set-apart holiness, a still attentiveness, a servant spirit and a sold-out hunger for Him included in a gathering of women looking for the same. Come join us.

Tuesday Bible Study *Led by Tom Demrick*

Tuesdays, 10:00am - Great Room.

It is open to anyone, previous Bible knowledge not required. Topics cover a range of scripture subjects and can be just one class or a series of classes. This fall, we are doing a 6-8 week series entitled *Understanding the World before Jesus* where we will learn about Judaism before Christ.

Community Bible Study

Led by Andrea Schlak

Thursdays, 9:30–10:45am

- Great Room.

Community Bible study has brought people together from many Christian churches for many years. We are in a 9 week study of the Missionary journeys of Paul, using the second half of the book of Acts as a guide. The sessions begin with a lecture, followed by a small group discussion for those who wish to stay. All you need to bring is a bible and a notebook, no previous bible knowledge is required.

Young Adult Bible Study

Led by Ryan Teahan

First Wed of each month - 6:30pm
Library

Looking for a community of peers to grow with? Our Young Adult Bible Study is the perfect place to plug in. We meet once a month, starting at 6:30 PM with light food and time to just hang out and catch up before we dive into scripture together. There is absolutely no advance preparation or prior knowledge needed to participate. If you're nervous about coming for the first time, you are more than welcome to bring a friend along. Come as you are for good food, great community, and meaningful conversation!



Branch out and join a group!



Patriarchs *Led by Brandon Movitz*

Wednesdays, Oct 14 and 28 - 8:00pm - Great Room

DADS RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN, YOU'RE INVITED!

Patriarchs is a brotherhood for Christian husbands and fathers raising young children. We come together to grow closer to Christ, build genuine friendships, and become stronger spiritual leaders in our marriages and homes.

No preparation is needed. Each gathering has its own focus, so you can jump in at any time.

Come connect with other fathers walking through the same season of marriage, family, and faith.

Questions? Contact Brandon Movitz 248-421-9226

Prayer Group

*Led by Sue Helderop,
and Cheryl Carr*

Oct 2 and 16, 12:00pm,
Library or via Zoom.

We invite you to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship.

Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for many years, gathering allows us to support one another, grow spiritually, and experience God's presence in a deeper way.

Positive Parenting *Led by Victoria Illitch*

Wednesdays, 9:15am - Great Room

Please join us for Positive Parenting, Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting ideas and strategies, designed for moms in the parenting years. We meet throughout the school year with the goal of furthering our spiritual growth, expanding our understanding of parenting philosophies, and finding strength in the community of other women. Childcare for children ages 0-4 is provided in the nursery. Our first session is September 16th. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us as you can, no need to sign up in advance! Contact Victoria Illitch with questions or for more information (victoria.illitch@gmail.com).

Women's Book Group *Led by Stacey Rolf*

Tuesday, Oct 27 7:30pm - Town Square

Your friendly Women's Book Group invites you to the review of *Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall* by Nina Willner,

Growing up in a provincial village outside of Berlin, Hanna was encouraged by her schoolteacher father to follow her dreams. But at the end of World War II, the Soviets took control of the eastern part of Germany and established a repressive communist state—East Germany—which used brutal force and a massive wall to cut off East from West. Determined to live free, Hanna made a dangerous escape to West Germany. But the price of freedom—leaving behind her parents, her eight siblings, and her home—was heartbreaking. Uprooted, Hanna eventually moved to America, where she settled down with her husband, a U.S. Army officer, and had children of her own, but she never forgot her parents and siblings trapped on the other side of the Berlin Wall. Hanna's daughter, Nina is the author of this book. Join us please!

Chicks with Sticks

Led by Jan Endress

Oct 1 and 15, 1:00pm
- Library

More than a clever title for a group of women who knit, it is an invitation to caring about others by making hand knit hats, scarves and mittens for those who find themselves on the street in winter. More than a few of the women are accomplished knitters but some of us are not. Still, we share the same hope that the work of our hands will show love to someone in need. And let's face it: if you can only knit a row at a time, eventually it will end up being a scarf...and that is a good thing. Share the joy!



A-maize-ing ways to serve!



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

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

Sponsor 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.

Be a 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 Office.

Acolyte & Cross Bearer

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 989-450-3946 crissybienkowski@gmail.com

Be a 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 Laura Vowell for details.

Sponsor a 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!



A Cornucopia of Information



How to keep my kids occupied during worship?

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. Prefer to play? Our nursery is ready with lots of toys!!

How can I watch the Worship Service?

To watch live:

- 1) Go to the church website: www.lcr.church (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.



To watch past services:

- 1) Go to the church website: www.lcr.church (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.



Receive Communion in Your 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.

Give to Redeemer

Go to Redeembirmingham.org and click the "GIVE" box or scan this QR Code to be taken to the giving page!



Church Extension Fund

Since 1901, CEF has been a trusted ministry partner of churches and schools across the Michigan District, offering individuals and congregations a meaningful way to invest their money. When you invest with CEF, your funds help provide construction and renovation loans to ministries like Redeemer. In fact, the CEF loan Redeemer received helped make Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest from those loans supports the interest paid on your investment—creating benefits for both investors and ministries. An investment with CEF helps build churches, schools, and ministries that impact lives for eternity. For more information, contact Curtis Burstein, Redeemer's CEF Representative, at 248-320-5100.



SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL SEASON OF GIVING

Sacred Space Update!

We continue to make good progress toward our goal to pay off the remaining Sacred Space debt by May 2027. We have a \$590,203 balance remaining on our loan and every contribution gets us closer to being debt free. We are so grateful for the support of the Redeemer community as we work toward our goal. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to generously donate to this program.

To achieve our goal of paying off the debt by May 2027, we hope we can count on you to help keep the energy going. For those who are called and feel able to support this program, we give you our deepest thanks.



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 the envelope and/or check as Sacred Space.
- Scan the QR Code and select the Sacred Space Fund.



MISSIONS

Family of God

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

Can you shop? Cook? Deliver meals? or simply 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 twice a month.

There are many ways that you can help!

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

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

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

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

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



RYG AND FAMILY OF GOD

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

We'll carpool to FOG then get dinner together!

Thanksgiving Worship Services

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 25th - 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26th - 9:00am

*Friday, November 28th - Church Office Closed

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Carols - 10:00 am, 4:00 & 8:00 pm
Santa Breakfast after 10:00 am service

Christmas Day

No services. Church and Office Closed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, Oct 3rd

Breakfast at 9am, Presentation at 10am

Featuring Paddy Lynch

"Detroit Isn't Dead"

*How a 3rd Generation Funeral Director
Became a Historical Preservationist*

Sign up in the Town Square

To all our Redeemer Family and extended travel guests, the long-awaited tour to The Holy Land has finally been rescheduled for September 9-19, 2027.

The Holy Land remains a key destination for Christian pilgrimage travel, with itineraries centered on major biblical sites. With travel options reopening, churches, groups, and individual travelers who postponed plans have begun planning upcoming departures. Currently, daily life in cities like Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem and many more pilgrim destinations throughout The Holy Land continue today as normal. Restaurants, shops, and historical sites remain open and are gratefully welcoming visitors as they return. Our tour company is Good Shepherd Travel with Director of Operations, Tony Abuaita as our lead coordinator. He has put together a thorough 10-day itinerary with Pre & Post-Tour Extensions. I am excited to work with him as we plan an amazing pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the land that he loves. Best of all, Pastor Randy will join us and certainly add his knowledgeable perspective as we travel through this Biblical land. **All interested people are invited to include your name on the sign-up list in the Town Square and are invited to attend an informational gathering on Sunday, October 18th from 10-11:00 in the Great Room.** Find brochures around Redeemer and posters displayed as well. I'm looking forward to meeting with soon and sharing this once in a lifetime experience with our Redeemer family and friends!

For more information: contact Leslie Whitfield 248-330-8685 or whitfield.leslie55@gmail.com.

Want to join Redeemer?

Become a Member! If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer... now you can! Join us for our New Member Classes! Starting on Sunday 10/11, classes will run for 4 weeks on Sundays from 9am – 10am. We will end with a yummy New Member Brunch on Sunday 11/8! Come join us! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or for more information. *** There is childcare available at that time in the nursery for ages 0-3, but if you need care for older children, just let Laura know and she'll arrange it!*

SQUARE DANCE!

**SATURDAY
5PM**

**OCT
10**

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

\$10 PER PERSON

Grab your partner and join us for a home cooked meal and a fun night of square dancing! No experience (or partner!) is needed. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for everyone!

Sign up [here](#), or on the church website or the Town Square bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) or Pastor Jimmy.

SIGN UP HERE!



BYOB!

ALL COWBOYS & COWGIRLS MUST BE 21+

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE!

Drop off your kids downstairs for crafts, games, snacks, & a pizza dinner while you dance upstairs!

1 child - \$30
2 children - \$45
3 children - \$60
4 children - \$75

All proceeds benefit the high school mission team!



SHINE THE LIGHT NIGHT!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
3PM - 5PM



MUSIC!



SNACKS!



CANDY!



WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

TRICK
OR
TREAT

around the church!



CIDER & DONUTS!



DECORATIONS!



GAMES!



CHARITY PROJECT!

Families with kids of all ages are invited to
join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun!

SIGN UP HERE!



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

Shine the Light Night - Volunteers!

We need help from congregation members of all ages to make this event a SUCCESS! Please sign up using the QR code or on the Town Square bulletin board if you would like to help out with decorating a doorway for trick or treaters, set up/clean up, running games, etc. Confirmation kids... you can get service hours for this!



SAVE THE DATES

Advent by Candlelight

Table Registration: Sunday, October 18 at 7:30 a.m.

Advent by Candlelight Program:
Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.



October

10/1 - Chicks with Sticks
Community Bible Study

10/2 - Prayer Group

10/3 - Fellowship Breakfast

10/5 - Moms in the Word

10/6 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Women's Tuesday Eve Bible Study

10/7 - Men's Bible Study
Pathways Grief Group
Young Adult's Bible Study

10/8 - Community Bible Study
The Birmingham Musicales Concert

10/10 - Square Dance

10/11 - New Member Classes Start

10/12 - Moms in the Word

10/13 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Women's Tuesday Eve Bible Study

10/14 - Men's Bible Study
Positive Parenting
Patriarchs

Confirmation - Family Service Night

10/15 - Chicks with Sticks
Community Bible Study

10/16 - Prayer Group

10/18 - Advent by Candlelight
Sign-Up
Holy Land Trip Informational
Meeting

10/18 - Shine the Light Night

10/19 - Moms in the Word

10/20 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Women's Tuesday Eve Bible Study

10/21 - Men's Bible Study
Positive Parenting
RYG Core Group

10/22 - Community Bible Study
Titus 2Gether

10/25 - REFORMATION SUNDAY
3rd Grade Bible Class

10/26 - Moms in the Word

10/27 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Women's Tuesday Eve Bible Study
Women's Book Group

10/28 - Men's Bible Study
Positive Parenting
Patriarchs

10/29 - Community Bible Study

10/31 - Halloween



THE DAKOTA INN RATHSKELLAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 6:30 P.M.

Meet at the oldest German restaurant in Detroit with more tradition than you can imagine. Sing along with Katie Priskorn, (Gary's daughter-in-law) our song leader - pianist extraordinaire, sit with friends new and old, enjoy an authentic German dinner, SING, SING, SING and VIEW the newly refurbished design contracted by Paddy Lynch who is saving icons all over the city of Detroit one place at a time.

Reservations are essential. NO OPEN SEATING. Expenses for the evening are your responsibility (and worth it!) Safe, on-site parking is available to all guests. Sign up in the Town Square. Questions?

Contact Kitty Sweitzer - misskitty@redeemberbirmingham.org



YOUTH



MIDDLE
SCHOOL
YOUTH
GROUP

SAVE THE DATE!
JAMS GAME NIGHT
FRIDAY 11/13,
5:30PM – 8:30PM

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



Calling all Young Singers! Youth ages 6–14 are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir for a special presentation. We'll rehearse in the Chapel during Coffee Hour on Sundays at 10am (10/11, 10/18, 11/8, & 11/15). Attend at least three rehearsals, then sing with us at the 10:30am worship service on November 22nd. Contact Nancy Lesinski (nancylesinski@gmail.com) with questions. We'd love to hear your voice!

RYG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER EVENTS

SUN 4	ROAD RALLY & MISSION LOCATION REVEAL Meet in the youth room 7:30pm
SUN 11	CIDER MILL Meet in the youth room 7:30pm
MON 12	FAMILY OF GOD We'll drive down to Detroit together and serve dinner to the FOG congregation then go to the best taco truck in Mexicantown! Meet in the church kitchen 5:45pm
SUN 18	PUMPKIN CARVING Meet in the youth room 7:45pm
SUN 25	BIBLE STUDY Meet in the youth room 7:30pm
NOV 6-8	SAVE THE DATE: FALL RETREAT At Camp Skyline! The theme is 'The Lie You Don't Know You Believe'. If you liked the 5 Love Languages, you'll LOVE this!

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Attention 3rd Graders!

It's finally your turn to receive your very own Bible! We will have a class for parent(s) and 3rd graders on

Sunday, October 25 at 9am in the Scheidt Rooms.

We then invite you to attend the 10:30 service to have the Bibles blessed and celebrate Reformation Sunday. The kids will get to use their Bibles during Sunday School too! If you haven't gotten an email about the event, please contact Nicole Olds at nolds@redeemberbirmingham.org.

Christmas Card Design Contest



I know, I know. Don't rush time, but we need to! It's time to have the children of the congregation create Redeemer's annual Christmas card. Calling all kids in preschool through 5th grade! Get your markers, crayons, and colored pencils ready! Sit down as a family and read Luke 2:1-20. Talk about what Christmas is all about and then get to work. Create your design on an 8.5x11 size paper and drop it off with Mrs. Olds or email (nolds@redeemberbirmingham.org.) Designs need to be completed and turned in by **November 8th**.

Meet Our Teachers!

With our new Sunday School curriculum, I have taken advantage of the moment to revamp our program. We have some new teachers and some who have taught for years. We will be taking some time to introduce you to the incredible group of people who have volunteered to help our kids grow in their faith.

-Nicole Olds, Director of Children's Ministry



Andrea Calvaneso

Meet Andrea Calvaneso who is one of our 4th/5th grade teachers! This is her first year teaching Sunday School and she's loving every minute of it. "The kids have such a thirst for the Word and it's been such a joy to watch them grow their faith each Sunday." We asked Andrea, *What part of your daily routine do you look forward to every day?*

"My gratitude journal. It has completely transformed my life. I love thanking God for the big and little things and the ability to go back in time and see all the things I'm grateful for!"

If God made animals talk, which animal would you like to talk to? "I would choose an elephant, hands down. I feel like a talking elephant wouldn't just chat, it would share wisdom."



Jennifer Dobring

Meet Jennifer Dobring who is one of our 1st/2nd grade teachers! Jennifer taught Sunday School here at Redeemer when she was in high school. It was a group of special needs children, and she co-taught the class. We asked Jennifer, *What part of your daily routine do you look forward to every day?* She looks forward to her daily walks. She either walks with her friends or with her husband and they listen to a devotional.

If God made animals talk, which animal would you like to talk to?

Jennifer would pick a bear because it's her favorite animal. "I feel blessed when I get to see them out at the zoo."

Happy October!

As we begin to welcome autumn and prepare for colder days and even colder nights, our library has many options to help keep you company.

In our Adult non-fiction section we have a number of devotionals focusing on a variety of different topics or themes... mom's, grandparents, golfers, Lent, Christmas, you name it. One such devotional is *Streams in the Desert : 366 Daily Devotional Readings* by L.B. Cowman. This devotional is written for men and women of all ages and focuses on everything from bible verses, meditations, and Christian authors ranging from topics on loss, inspiration, wisdom, and encouragement. This is a fantastic devotional for any day of the year.

New to our library are the books, *The Tinderbox* and *The Timepiece*, written by Beverly Lewis. These two books are the exciting conclusion to the five book series, *Home to Hickory Hollow* - which we also have in our library. Set in the fictional Amish community of Hickory Hollow, this romance series not only has love but includes topics such as community, friendship, family ties and redemption.

As parents, we want to show our kids real world examples of people walking in faith. The DVD series, *The Torchlighters: Heroes of the Faith* is a wonderful series that helps do exactly that. Each DVD features a 30 minute animated episode about a real life "Faith Walker", from St. Patrick to Corrie ten Boom, even Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther are featured in this 16 episode series.

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

Happy Reading!

Watching, Learning, Serving



They gathered in the kitchen to pick up where others had left off earlier in the month. Amongst them was one nine-year-old girl who came to serve with her mother. Together they tackled a number of jobs and together, along with the other women made the kitchen sparkle. Her name is Sara. She is learning to be a servant of God and a member of the Body of Christ. She is learning that when we pull together we are stronger, better, and empowered. She watched as the other women pulled dishes out of the cupboards, washed all the shelves, cleaned the pantry and sorted out all the trays and pans so they could be

easily used. She watched trays and all of the silverware run through the dishwasher and be put back in a pristine ware wagon. She heard "I will help." "Let me get that for you." "That's too heavy, let me take one end." And, she heard them laugh, talk, ask after each other, hug, laugh and hug again. Yes, children learn by watching but the satisfaction of working with others, staying on task until it is done, stepping back and knowing you were part of a team and did God-pleasing work makes for a lifetime memory. And, it is the way God brings us to know one another and become friends. Sara will be ready when the next clean-up comes around.....not only ready but she will lead.

Thanks to everyone who helped.

Has God Given You Musical Talent? - Give it back to Him!

Not everyone is blessed with musical talent. If you have musical ability but aren't yet participating in a music ministry group at Redeemer, you are missing out on the opportunity for God to use your musical talent for His glory. And we are missing out on you! Redeemer's Music Ministry offers a place for everyone—experienced or novice, choral or instrumental. All our wonderful music ministry groups are back in full swing starting the first week of September. The meeting times and places are listed below. If you're interested in singing or playing for the glory of God, please join us!

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Adult Choir

The Chancel Choir sings at our Sunday morning worship services and seasonal festival services to enhance the worship experience. The Chancel Choir provides opportunities for those who enjoy singing everything from classic anthems to modern settings in a traditional, contemporary, spiritual or gospel style. The Choir practices each Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 8pm in the music room. Contact Steve SeGraves at stevenssegraves@gmail.com. 734 748-0849

REDEEMER PRAISE

The church's praise team, Redeemer Praise sings and plays on the third Sunday of the month at the 9:00am and 10:30am services and at summer 10:30am services. It provides opportunities for those who enjoy singing or playing wonderful arrangements of contemporary Christian music. The Praise team meets Sunday mornings from September to May at 8am in the sanctuary, and in the summer at 9am in the Choir Room. Contact Steve SeGraves at stevenssegraves@gmail.com. 734 748-0849

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir is made up of children ages 6 to 14 years of age. These musical children sing approximately one Sunday a month, generally at the 10:30am worship service. Rehearsal information to be announced. Nancy Lesinski - 248-709-3040 OR Nicole Olds - 248-644-4010 ext. 124

HEART OF WORSHIP: Senior High

The Heart of Worship is a contemporary youth praise group, made up of talented Senior High Teens from our Youth Group. They participate in our worship services periodically throughout the year. Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski at 248-644-4010 ext. 120

REDEEMER BRASS

Our Brass Ensemble plays on the second Sunday of each month at the 9:00am and 10:30am services, and on special Sundays throughout the year. Participation is open to any brass player who can play easy to moderately challenging pieces. Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 11:30 after the 10:30 worship. Pastor Jimmy Greenwalt - 248-644-4010 ext. 117

REDEEMER RINGERS

This group brings the unique and beautiful sound of bells to our worship services, sometimes joining with the Chancel Choir, Redeemer Brass or other featured instrumentalists. The Redeemer Ringers usually play on the fourth Sunday of each month and they rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the hand bell room! James Compton - 248-396-7635

COUNSELING CORNER

One of the biggest challenges as a therapist is to help a client see the “gift” (Carl Jung) in adversity or tragedy. This approach to adversity, can shift one’s paradigm from one of hopelessness and having a victim mentality to one of hope and empowerment. We all go through tough times in our lives and when things get really bad some of us are just tempted to pull the covers over our heads and live in denial, blame God (the usual go-to response) or depression, hoping for circumstances to change... someday. This type of response to adversity can lead to hopelessness because one does not feel that they have any control over their situation or destiny. I am here to tell you that indeed you can have control by how YOU respond to adversity.

Make THE choice to look (response) for the good, the lesson that God wants you to learn through this trial. It takes effort, and real self-control to take on this behavioral change by mastering your flesh(reacting). Our flesh wants to seek self- gratification through vices, overeating, drugs, alcohol etc. in rebellion to God, and His sovereignty. May I strongly advise you to ask God what He wants you to learn through this trial.

Maybe He’s trying to teach you to show more love, patience, perseverance, kindness. Do a Fruit of the Spirit audit on yourself (Gal 5:22). Until we “get” the lesson (the gift) and finally understand where God is trying to grow us and change our behavior accordingly, He will allow the same trial to keep coming around. The sooner you “get it” the better! But remember YOU are in control of the longevity of the trial. It takes intentional prayer with humbleness before the Lord.

The lesson is clear. Fight the flesh of wanting to react with anger bursts, frustration, blame and instead work on controlling the flesh and RESPOND to the circumstance with inquiry. “Lord what are you trying to teach me in this situation. What do you want me to learn?” Search the Scriptures, He will show you if you earnestly seek Him with all of your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

This behavioral change of responding NOT reacting to adversity (in ALL situations) including communication with others is what produces peace, inner strength, spiritual growth and a closer relationship with God. The ultimate goal, for sure.

And finally, “accept each day as it comes to you. Do not waste your time and energy wishing for a different set of circumstances. Instead, trust Me enough to yield to My design and purposes. Remember that nothing can separate you from My loving Presence; you are mine.” (Jesus Calling)

God’s Peace to you all,
Dr. Sandy Pourcho



Woman of the YEAR!



Nominations for Woman of the Year are due on Monday, November 9. Please consider writing a letter in praise of someone you think embodies all the elements; tireless dedication to her family, church and community, a loving servant of others and a wonderful example of faith in action. Please send your nomination to Kitty at Redeemer and our staff will discuss and vote. Every woman nominated is worthy of this recognition. We are indeed blessed at Redeemer with an amazing group of women who serve selflessly and this decision is always a difficult one. We will announce our selection at Advent by Candlelight and our 2026 Woman of the Year will be honored at a luncheon in March through The Council of Lutheran Women. Questions? Ask Kitty.

OCTOBER

BIBLE READING PLAN



1

Isaiah 62:6-65:25
Philippians 2:19-3:3
Psalm 73:1-28
Proverbs 24:13-14

2

Isaiah 66:1-24
Philippians 3:4-21
Psalm 74:1-23
Proverbs 24:15-16

3

Jeremiah 1:1-2:30
Philippians 4:1-23
Psalm 75:1-10
Proverbs 24:17-20

4

Jeremiah 2:31-4:18
Colossians 1:1-17
Psalm 76:1-12
Proverbs 24:21-22

5

Jeremiah 4:19-6:15
Colossians 1:18-2:7
Psalm 77:1-20
Proverbs 24:23-25

6

Jeremiah 6:16-8:7
Colossians 2:8-23
Psalm 78:1-31
Proverbs 24:26

7

Jeremiah 8:8-9:26
Colossians 3:1-17
Psalm 78:32-55
Proverbs 24:27

8

Jeremiah 10:1-11:23
Colossians 3:18-4:18
Psalm 78:56-72
Proverbs 24:28-29

9

Jeremiah 12:1-14:10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8
Psalm 79:1-13
Proverbs 24:30-34

10

Jeremiah 14:11-16:15
1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13
Psalm 80:1-19
Proverbs 25:1-5

11

Jeremiah 16:16-18:23
1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3
Psalm 81:1-16
Proverbs 25:6-8

12

Jeremiah 19:1-21:14
1 Thessalonians 5:4-28
Psalm 82:1-8
Proverbs 25:9-10

13

Jeremiah 22:1-23:20
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Psalm 83:1-18
Proverbs 25:11-14

14

Jeremiah 23:21-25:38
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Psalm 84:1-12
Proverbs 25:15

15

Jeremiah 26:1-27
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
Psalm 85:1-13
Proverbs 25:16

16

Jeremiah 28:1-29:32
1 Timothy 1:1-20
Psalm 86:1-17
Proverbs 25:17

17

Jeremiah 30:1-31:26
1 Timothy 2:1-15
Psalm 87:1-7
Proverbs 25:18-19

18

Jeremiah 31:27-32:44
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Psalm 88:1-18
Proverbs 25:20-22

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Jeremiah 33:1-34:22
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Psalm 89:1-13
Proverbs 25:23-24

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Jeremiah 35:1-36:32
1 Timothy 5:1-25
Psalm 89:14-37
Proverbs 25:25-27

21

Jeremiah 37:1-38:28
1 Timothy 6:1-21
Psalm 89:38-52
Proverbs 25:28

22

Jeremiah 39:1-41:18
2 Timothy 1:1-18
Psalm 90:1-91:16
Proverbs 26:1-2

23

Jeremiah 42:1-44:23
2 Timothy 2:1-21
Psalm 92:1-93
Proverbs 26:3-5

24

Jeremiah 44:24-47:7
2 Timothy 2:22-3:17
Psalm 94:1-23
Proverbs 26:6-8

25

Jeremiah 48:1-49:22
2 Timothy 4:1-22
Psalm 95:1-96:13
Proverbs 26:9-12

26

Jeremiah 49:23-50:46
Titus 1:1-16
Psalm 97:1-98:9
Proverbs 26:13-16

27

Jeremiah 51:1-53
Titus 2:1-15
Psalm 99:1-9
Proverbs 26:17

28

Jeremiah 51:54-52:34
Titus 3:1-15
Psalm 100:1-5
Proverbs 26:18-19

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Lamentations 1:1-2:22
Philemon 1:1-25
Psalm 101:1-8
Proverbs 26:20

30

Lamentations 3:1-66
Hebrews 1:1-14
Psalm 102:1-28
Proverbs 26:21-22

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Lamentations 4:1-5:22
Hebrews 2:1-18
Psalm 103:1-22
Proverbs 26:23





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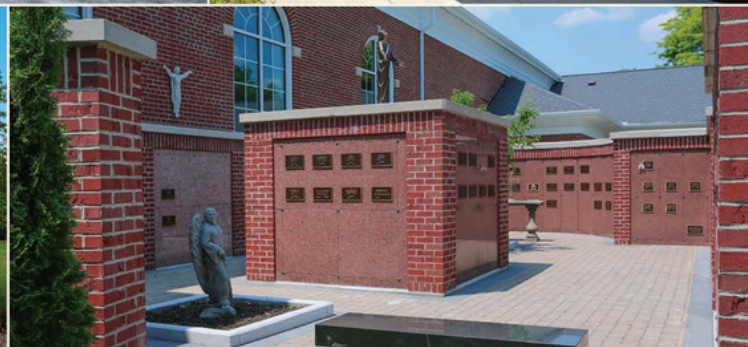
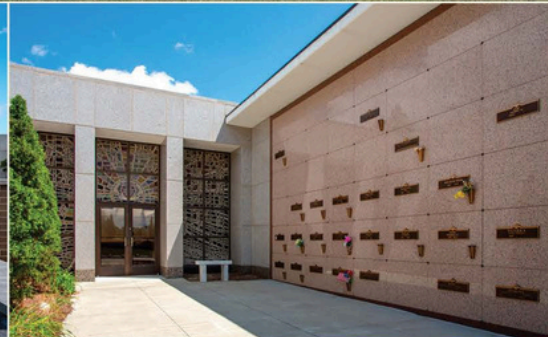
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