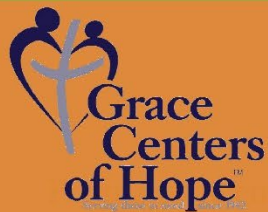


# FAMILY OF GOD



*Camp Res*  
Restoring Faith, Home and Community



February 2, 2025  
9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
1800 W. Maple  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 2, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Theme: The Work of God**

***As We Gather***

Truly, if faith is there, he [the one justified] cannot hold back; he proves himself, breaks out into good works, confesses and teaches this gospel before the people, and stakes his life on it. *-Martin Luther*

***Prayer Before Worship***

Jesus, I will continually pray for the spiritual growth of my church. I pray they'll be filled with the knowledge of Your will through the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. Help us live a life worthy of You. Equip us to please You in every way! Cause us to bear fruit in every good work, and to constantly be growing in the knowledge of God. Strengthen us with all power according to Your glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience. Develop a desire within us to worship the Father with gratitude. Thank You for qualifying us to share in the inheritance of Your holy people in the kingdom of light and for rescuing us from the dominion of darkness! We are grateful. You've given us the kingdom, redemption and the forgiveness of sins. Continue to work within us. I pray this in Your name, Amen.

**If you wish to join us at the Lord's Table, please read this Communion information. If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord's Supper, we welcome you to our altar.**

- + I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.**
- + I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.**
- + I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.**

## **Mystery Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

*(Sponsored by David and Barbi Hardoin in honor of master composer Professor Peter Schickele (AKA P.D.Q. Bach) who passed away in January 2024.)*

## **Speaker**

Grace Centers of Hope

*(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)*

## **Opening Hymn**

Bringing in the Sheaves

1. Sowing in the morning sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.

### **Refrain:**

*Bringing in the sheaves bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.  
Bringing in the sheaves bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.*

2. Sowing in the sunshine sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilly breeze;  
By and by the harvest and the labour ended,  
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves. -*Refrain.*

## **Order of Service for Holy Communion**

*P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.**

*P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## ***Children's Message***

### ***Old Testament Reading***

Isaiah 49:1-6

*(The Servant of the Lord)*

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

And now the LORD says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength — he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

***Epistle Reading***

1 Corinthians 9:19–23

*(Paul’s use of his Freedom)*

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

***Response:*** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

*(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)*

***Gospel Announcement***

***Response:*** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

***Gospel Reading***

Matthew 28:16–20

*(The Great Commission)*

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has

been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn 496**

Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying

1. Hark! The voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth, rich reward He offers thee;  
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
2. If you cannot be a watchman standing high on Zion’s wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.
3. Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”  
While the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

**Sermon**

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

“The Hands of Christ”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

*(Please rise for the Offertory)*

## **Offertory**

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

*Hymn 283 in our Red Hymnal*

*Sung in place of our normal offertory for the 100th Anniversary*

God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

*(Please be seated)*

## **Gathering of Offerings**

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

*(Please rise for the Doxology)*

## **Doxology**

Tune: hymn 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

## ***Prayer of the Church***

### ***Communion Liturgy***

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*P: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;*

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### ***The Words of Institution*** (spoken by the Pastor)

#### ***The Pax Domini***

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

**C: Amen.**

#### ***The Agnus Dei***

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*



## ***The Distribution of Holy Communion***

*For prayers before and after receiving the Sacrament, see pages 118-119 in the red hymnal.*

*Communion wine is dark in color, grape juice is light. It is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or desire the common cup, at the appropriate time, please raise your pointer finger.*

### ***Communion Anthem***

O Love Divine – Sorenson

Chancel Choir; Heidi Kletzli, viola; Ben Kletzli, cello;  
Brian Buckmaster, percussion; Alison Ristovski, solo.

*(Please rise for the Benediction)*

***Benediction and Response:*** Amen! Amen! Amen!

### ***Closing Hymn***

Here I am Lord

*(favorite hymn of Zella Honemann, Kris Leonard, Carolyn Becker, Sue Soltess, Betsy Ukrop, Greg Merryman, Leslie Whitfield, Jeanne Bolcer, Donna Hollis, Pam Tyndall, Paula Butler, Mickey Margosian, Jeanie Buechner, Robin Swift, Jodi Curtis)*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

***Refrain:***

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if You lead me - I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *-Refrain*

### ***Silent Prayer***

### ***Postlude***

Rick Helderop, organist

*Sanctuary altar flowers* were placed by Dave and Barbara Petersen. I'm so glad our "tie the knot" day is Monday. After 62 years, it's finally announced on Sunday. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Jim and Jan Endress in celebration of our anniversary and in thankfulness for all the wonderful blessings God has bestowed on us. *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by the Raezler kids in loving memory of Mike Raezler.

*Altar Guild*

Karen Pridmore, Kathy Eley, Rose Kiehle, Megan Rettray,  
Ellie Gause, Bev Yocum, Kim Martin, Tina Conte, Richelle Pedersen,  
Liz Pedersen, Katre Klow, Tracey Fish

*Elders Assisting with Communion*

David Mammel and Rick Russ

*Acolytes*

10:30 - Josh Olds and JD Kamm

*Reader*

9:00 -Kristin Rolf

10:30 - Sharon Tylanda

*Ushers*

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andy Tafel, Eric Rolf  
Ron LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly

10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Bill Baldner, Matt Pedersen, Ron Curcio,  
Jim Staargaard, Orion Pedersen, Ryan Teahan

*Audio and Video Operators*

9:00 - Greg Merryman

10:30 - Greg Merryman and Dave Hardoin

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

*your community church*

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at [www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) for more detailed information.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

(248) 644-4010 /office@redeemberbirmingham.org

**February 2, 2025**



**SCAN FOR  
WEBSITE**

**Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.**

## WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present... Your current family or marital status... Your past or current religious affiliation... Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity... You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

## WORSHIP/COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/\*10:30am - Sanctuary

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

\*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to [www.redeemberbirmingham.com](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.com) and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

### MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

Communion - Monday that falls after  
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

## REDEEMER NURSERY

Infants and children under the age of 3 are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday worship services. You are welcome to bring your infant/child to the nursery at any time during the service.

## HOST A COFFEE HOUR

in Memory of your favorite loved one!

Signup under the *Ways to Serve* option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board

## MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTED DURING FEBRUARY COFFEE HOURS

During February, we will be highlighting the missions Redeemer has supported over the past century. Please take time to look at our historical display in the Town Square and visit the information tables of our current missions during the special coffee hours. Below is the schedule for Special Coffee Hours:

**Grace Centers of Hope TODAY**  
CareNet on February 9th

Camp Restore + Family of God on  
February 16  
Izosh on February 24th

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code & fill out the online attendance form.



Happening TODAY

**WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30am**

**8:00am - Redeemer Praise Rehearsal**

Redeemer Praise meet for their regular rehearsals in the Music Room.

**NOTE: Pastor Farah's Bible Study is cancelled until further notice!**

**10am Sight and Sound Church Trip - Lancaster, PA:**

**Informational Meeting (NOAH - PAGE 6)**

**10:30am - Sunday School**

**11:30am - Redeemer Brass Rehearsal**

**4:30pm: Mission Trip Orientation Meeting**

Meet in the Great Room

**7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group**

Meet in the Youth Room

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**HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAROLINA  
MISSION TRIP - MARCH 23-29,  
2025**

Orientation Meeting **TODAY!**

**REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR  
ALL PARTICIPANTS AND  
PARENTS!**



Opportunities  
See page 8!

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**A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP**

**COMMUNION NEWS:** If you would like communion to be brought to you, please let an usher know before the service begins and they will be sure that you are accommodated.

**Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel. (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.) Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors**

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Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website.

Click on **"WAYS TO SERVE"** to explore volunteering opportunities at church!  
You can also find sign-up details on the Town Square bulletin board.



- Be A Reader!
- Be A Greeter!
- Host A Coffee Hour!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering

What is a Mystery  
Prelude? Scan the QR  
code to sign-up!



ALL paper signup sheets in the Town  
Square are located behind the coffee  
hour station in the hallway near the  
coatroom! Come see how you can get  
involved!



***Our Sanctuary Has A Hearing Loop To Assist Those With  
Hearing Loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil.***

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

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS - SPOTS IN FEBRUARY AVAILABLE!**

Sign-up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel!  
Rates are as follows:

Sanctuary: \$55; Chapel: \$50; Lectern: \$45

*\*Sign-up links can be found on the church's website  
by selecting "WAYS TO SERVE" and then*

*"Altar and Lectern Flower Sign-up" Paper Sign-ups are available on the Town  
Square Bulletin board.*

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### **WEDNESDAY LUNCH & WORSHIP**

All are invited to join us for our next Wednesday Lunch and Worship on  
**Wednesday, February 19th in the Great Room at 12:00pm** with a delicious  
meal of creamy potato soup with bacon, pork schnitzel, coleslaw, corn, warm  
pretzel bites and dessert, prepared by Michele Margosian. Following the meal,  
we'll hold a **worship service at 1:00pm in the Chapel** that will include Holy  
Communion. Please call the Church Office by **February 17th** if you plan to join  
us for lunch. If you are in need of transportation, let the Church Office know and  
we'll do our best to assist. Contact **Gary Priskorn** with any questions. Looking  
forward to having you with us!

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### **DONATION INFORMATION**

If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's  
camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you  
choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering  
basket indicating you have donated online.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

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### **SEASON OF LENT 2025 WORSHIP**

***Every Wednesday - March 5 - April 9, 2025***

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

*Each worship service is preceded by a meal:*

*Lunch at 12:00 noon and*

*Dinner at 6:00pm (5:30pm confirmands)*

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### **HOLY WEEK**

***Maundy Thursday - April 17***

***Good Friday - April 18***

***Holy Saturday - April 19***

***Easter Sunday - April 20***



PREPARE a LENTEN MEAL  
Signup in the Town Square



## REDEEMER'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

This will be a keepsake for you and others.  
*Is your information up to date?*

### TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

- Have you moved?
- Have you changed your phone numbers?
- Have your adult children moved away?
- Do you give online and not want to receive envelopes?
- Do you need your login credentials?
- Do you want to send in a photo for your family and individual profiles?

Please make sure you update your family membership information online in  
Shelby Membership OR send your updated information to  
[office@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org).

You can also call the church office to make any changes to your family profile.

*\*\*Please note, if you would like a printed copy of your family profile, we can email that to you so you can make updates.*

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*women's*  
**retreat**  
**March 01, 2025**  
**9:30am-3pm**  
**Historic Trinity**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**1345 Gratiot Avenue**  
**Detroit, MI 48207**

For more information  
and to register, scan  
QR code



### Women of Redeemer

We are invited to attend "Spiritual Conversations" sponsored by Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 9:30-3:00. Featured speaker is Polly Gregali, Community Regional Facilitator of Lutheran Hour Ministry as she walks you through a strategy to help engage in fruitful spiritual conversation with others. Reservations are required and you will find forms in the box outside Kitty's door. Several of us are planning to attend but space is limited so make your reservation before February 21. Fee is \$25.00 and includes welcome beverages, pastries and a delicious lunch.

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Colossians 4:5-6 All glory to God as we celebrate 100 years of Redeemer history and the women who served before us!

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

27 MON	28 TUES	29 WED	30 THURS	31 FRI	01 SAT
7p Worship  8p Al Anon  8p Love of Life	9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study  11a Prime Timer's Comm. Planning Mtg  12:45p Westmaple Stay & Play  6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball  6:30p Women's Bible Study	6:45a Men's Bible Study  9:15a Positive Parenting  6p Confirmation  6p RYG Core Group  6p Year 3 Confirmation Class  6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:15p Leadership Team Mtg	9:30a Community Bible Study  1p Concert - The Birmingham Musical Choral Ensemble  6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball  7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal		100th Anniversary Vow Renewal



**CEF**

### **CHURCH EXTENSION FUND**

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

#### ***Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?***

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

***\*Updated Interest Rate sheets are available around the building.***



## MISSIONS

### FEED THE HOMELESS!

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

- make bagged lunches,
- prepare frozen meals,
- deliver/serve a meal,
- and shop for items.

***You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals with the FOG Sponsorship.***

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board.

***NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate sign up to sponsor a meal (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal.***

**2025 Family of God Soup Kitchen Sponsor Sign-ups are available!  
LOTS of spots available!!**

**THANK  
YOU!**

To Darlene Bliss for her FOG sponsorship in February in memory of Tyler Henry Bliss.

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### scan QR code to donate CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF



Any donations made to help those impacted by the California fires will be matched by Redeemer up to \$3,000 and donated to Samaritan's Purse who mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of disasters. Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** and put "**California Fires**" in the memo line, or pay online with the QR code.

### FAMILY OF GOD

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

February 10th

March 10th

\*Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner!

**"redeemer\_y00th" ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**

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### REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

**BIBLE STUDY:**  
*First Thursday of Every Month*

**MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS**

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

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

Stay tuned to March's Lamp for more details!

### WATCH PARTY



## PRIME TIMERS

### WHY'S IT CALLED THAT?!

A special afternoon of fellowship, unique information, and a delicious meal of chicken parmesan is planned by the Prime Timers group for **Sunday, February 16th from 2:00-5:00pm in the Great Room**. Our special, captivating guest presenter will be **Bailey Sisoy Moore**, owner of Detroit History Tours. Bailey was our speaker for an event in November 2023 and was extremely well received!

Did you ever wonder why it's called Woodward Avenue or how Belle Isle got its name or wander in the city asking yourself, "Why is that named that?" Bailey will help us explore the parks, public buildings, streets, and foods whose names are famous but whose stories have been lost to history. Following her presentation, we'll enjoy supper together. All are welcome to join us for a great way to spend a winter Sunday afternoon! There is no charge - a freewill donation will be received. Please sign-up by February 10th on the Town Square bulletin board or call the Church Office. Questions? Contact **Gary Priskorn**.

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### **FAITHFUL FRIENDS Enrichment Series** **Sunday, March 2, 11:45-12:45** **in the Great Room**

Do you have an elderly parent or friend who seems to be struggling with the reality of day-to-day living? Are you a current or potential caregiver looking for Eldercare resources, answers to caregiving questions, or are unsure of the signals and symptoms that may prompt concern and additional care? Then, please join us for our next Faithful Friends Enrichment Program.

Based on requests, Redeemer member and Eldercare Counselor and Gerontologist, Diane Johns, also an experienced caregiver, will again lead a discussion of recognizing the obvious, but also the "silent" signs and behaviors of the elderly that warrant attention, observation and care, as well as review available resources.

Please let any of the team know if there is a topic you are interested in learning more about for future programs.

*Gary Priskorn, Marilyn Staargaard, Diane Johns,  
Pam Tyndall, Tracey Fish and Cheryl Carr*

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Redeemer's Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS will take place June 16-20! All children in Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome to attend - teens, teachers, and parent volunteers will be needed to make the week fun for all! Contact Nicole Olds if you are interested in helping out this summer!

Scamper Camps 2025!

Programming is open to children who are 2-years old (as of January 1st, 2025) through 5-years old. Once kids have gone off to kindergarten, they are too old to come back. Sign-ups will start in February - please contact Nicole Olds with any questions!

**RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
**RYG Bible Study: February 2,**  
**16, 23**

**7:00-9:00pm** - *Meet in the*  
*Youth Room*

*Core Group: February 5, 12, 26*

**WINTER RETREAT**  
**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 7-9,**  
**2025**

**RYG**  
**USHERING**  
**FEBRUARY 23,**  
**2025**

**“redeemer\_y00th”**  
**ALWAYS CHECK**  
**INSTAGRAM FOR ANY**  
**SCHEDULE CHANGES**



**DROP OFF YOUR RUMMAGE ITEMS:**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 | 9AM-1PM**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6 | 9AM-6PM**

**SHOP THE SALE:**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7 | 6-8 PM (\$5 CASH ENTRY)**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8 | 9AM-3PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 | 12-2PM**  
**(50% OFF OR FILL A BAG FOR \$5)**

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**THE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TEAM!**



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**THROUGH THESE DOORS**

How did you come to Redeemer?  
Tell your story!

You write the story, and we will print it in a beautiful book to be presented at our June 1 celebration. Pick up a form on the end cap in the Town Square and write your story. Send it to my email, [misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org) and this keepsake will delight you with stories of searches that ended in joy at Redeemer. We hope to have at least 150 people respond with their stories. I know you will want to be part of a book that goes in the time capsule with a copy next to your favorite chair. **Questions? Contact Miss Kitty.**

We still do.... Saturday, February 8, 2025

A marriage reaffirmation ceremony for all Redeemer couples! The vow renewal ceremony will take place at 5pm in our Sanctuary followed by Dinner & Dancing at 6:30pm at the Auburn Hills Marriott.



\$150 per couple - The cost includes the ceremony, dinner, dancing, and photography. There will also be a cash bar and special rate for those who wish to spend the night.

Kindly RSVP by TODAY using the QR code.

Questions? Contact Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)).

February 6 and 20, 2025

And there is interest in crocheting which has taken Europe by storm. We know how!!!! Come and learn.

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### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Chilly February brings our Women's Book Group an exciting book to read and review! ***Saving My Assassin: :A Memoir*** (The True Story of a Christian Attorney's Battle for Religious Liberty in Romania) by Virginia Prodan. This memoir is written in a fast, matter-of-fact style that strives to show the love of Christ to the very people who persecuted her and how that attitude, coupled with the amazing power of God, paid off in astounding ways. The author did not have a plan for confrontation but rather let God's plan unfold in front of her and He gave her just what she needed when she needed it. The author takes us to her home country and gives us a personal view into what communism looked like in Romania and what Christianity looked like in response. Virginia Prodan is an international human rights attorney, an Allied Attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom, and a sought-after speaker who because of her work and writings was exiled from Romania 1988, Come share, or come listen.....you are invited and welcome. **Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30** by the fire in the Town Square.

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### SOUP'S ON!

Cooking with Donna! Find your way to Redeemer's Great Room on Tuesday, February 11 for a round of instruction and soup tasting with our own Donna Hollis. Donna's plan includes two soups for your tasting pleasure, a gourmet salad and a few surprises as only Donna can promise. We begin promptly at 6:00 and will have some snacks to pacify your appetite while you wait for your soup. Finger dessert will follow. Please join us! A free will donation will be accepted at the door.

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### Woman of the Year Luncheon

Tickets for the Woman of the Year Luncheon can be purchased by going to *The Council of Lutheran Women's* website and finding the event code for Eventbrite. Then, go to the Eventbrite website and make your reservation for **Tuesday, March 25 at 11:00am** at Crystal Gardens, located at 16703 Fort Street, Southgate, Mi.

We have a table for 10 so get your ticket early to celebrate Erin Mortenson and her contributions to Redeemer and the community.

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### SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Community Bible Study is back for the winter. Please join us on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am** to study Moses and the book of Exodus with Andrea Schlak.

We will take another look at a familiar story and hopefully learn something new and apply it to our lives today. Any questions contact Andrea [schlakandrea@gmail.com](mailto:schlakandrea@gmail.com)



# BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans

***CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

*All-year after 9:00am Worship Service - Scheidt Room*

**New Member Class** - Laura Vowell

*(Annually in the Fall) - Great Room*

**Children's Sunday School** - Nicole Olds

*10:30am - Lower-Level classrooms*

**RYG** (High School) - Gia & Eric

*7:00pm - Youth Room*

## TUESDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible

*9:30am - Great Room*

**Women's Bible Study** - Kitty Sweitzer

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

## WEDNESDAYS

**Men's Bible Study** - Gary Priskorn - Acts

*All-Year 6:45-7:30am - Great Room (\*Zoom Available)*

**Positive Parenting** - Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson

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

**Confirmation Classes** - Laura Vowell

*6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms*

**Core Group** (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt

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

## THURSDAYS

**Young Adults** - Michael Banerian's (3217 Maplewood, RO)

*6:30-8:00pm - 1st Thursday of Every Month*

**Community Bible Study** - Andrea Schlak

*Moses and the Book of Exodus*

*9:30-11:00am - Great Room*

***For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the Church Office at 248-644-4010.***

***If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp or the back of these announcements for a Bible reading plan.***

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study: ***Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*** with Louie Giglio. Have you ever regretted not coming to a bible study and then thought you couldn't possibly attend because two or three sessions had gone by and you would be too far behind to catch up? Well this is not one of those studies. If you have not started this study and want to be part of a heart warming, soul strengthening adventure then come in on our second half! We loved the first lesson, gaining understanding of God's loving plan for us and want to share it with you. **Tuesdays, February 4, 11 and 25.** No study on the 18th. Can't make it? There will be a new study in March....join us! Great Room, Tuesday nights at 6:30.

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## POSITIVE PARENTING

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. Positive Parenting meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room. Nursery care is provided and is available on a drop-in basis for any younger children.

Each session stands alone, there is no need to purchase books, or read ahead of attending.

**2/5:** God's Design for Marriage

**2/12:** Valentine's Party

**2/19:** No Class (midwinter break)

**2/26:** Cooking for Family of God, meet in the Redeemer kitchen

**3/5:** Careers--The Power Pause

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Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.

**Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.**  
**248-568-6040**

## PATHWAYS REDEEMER'S GRIEF AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP

**FEBRUARY 12, 1:00PM IN  
THE TOWN SQUARE**



## Ask Me About.....

During our anniversary year, you will see our church staff and volunteers wearing buttons that invite you to ask them about our vast array of ministries here at Redeemer.

***Please ask them questions,  
they are very excited to share!***

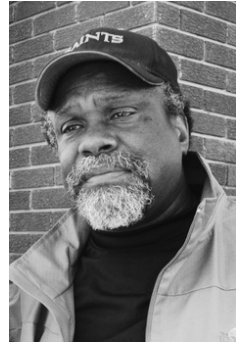
**Request from the Holy History Committee:** If anyone has Black, Silver or Gold picture frames that they would like to donate to the history committee it would be very helpful! Sizes needed would be 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 11 x 14. Thanks in advance! A labeled box this afternoon in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off.



## THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING MISSIONS



During one of the mission trips to New Orleans, one of our teams met a gentleman named Robert Green as they were working outside at a Lutheran church. Robert thanked them for what they were doing and shared his story of losing his mother and granddaughter to the hurricane. He told them that during those difficult times, he kept saying "I have to trust God." But it was the day he removed the 2 little words "have to" from that sentence. He began saying "I trust God" and everything changed for him. He was then on the road to recovery. What a statement of faith that our team was so blessed to hear.



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Holy History Display Panels located in the Town Square! We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change each month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer. This month we are celebrating Family Life Ministry.

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### Save The Date

**Sunday, June 1st** is our 100th Anniversary celebratory church service and congregational luncheon. We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer leading worship that morning and Kitty Sweitzer, along with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal.

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### 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BUS TOUR – AUGUST 12 – 15, 2025

**Redeemer is hosting a 100th Anniversary Celebration Bus Tour to picturesque Lancaster, PA.**

There we will tour the Dutch countryside and experience the Amish lifestyle, along with a visit to the SIGHT & SOUND MILLENNIUM THEATRE where we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "**NOAH**" will come alive with spectacular and captivating music, special effects and I guarantee, one of God's most creative and unique "passenger manifests" imaginable! Families, young & "young at heart" are welcome.

Details posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet & on posters around Redeemer. LAMP will have more detailed information. ***If interested, an informational gathering will be held on Sunday, February 2nd in the Great Room during coffee hour.*** This tour has limited capacity (52), early registration and deposit are encouraged. Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685

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### Youth Choir Rehearsals

Youth Choir will sing on **Sunday, March 30** with *rehearsals being held in the Chapel from 10 - 10:30 on Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 16, 23.* Ages 7 and up are welcome! Contact [nancylesinski@gmail.com](mailto:nancylesinski@gmail.com) with any questions.

## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

### For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- For the family and friends of Bonnie Crosby, sister of Diane Dorantes, who was called to her heavenly home.
- For the family and friends of Doug Wuggazer, brother of Pastor Duane, who was called to his heavenly home.

### For those with health concerns:

- Dorothy and Max
- Marcie, sister of Bonnie Ernewein
- Bill, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Theresa Cochell, niece of Jon Duff
- Erica Calvaneso, sister-in-law to Andrea & Heather Calvaneso
- Jane Dornbrock, mother of Jill Bloom
- Mark Leonetti, having thumb surgery on Tuesday
- Midori, friend of Justin Sweitzer
- Andrea Swoyer
- Dale, friend of the Eley family
- Amy Wargelin
- Hanna, friend of the Johnson family
- Marilyn Staargaard
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Mike Gillette, friend of the Lagoe family
- Bill & Suzy Oberman, family of Christine Atesian & Andrea Calvaeso
- Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- Tom Gray
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation

***PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to be notified when a Congregation member is called to their heavenly home, please email the Church Office at [office@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberirmingham.org) and we will add you to our email list.***

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

### Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- President Trump and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.
- For all those suffering from the wildfires in California

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

***Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.***



**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS FROM  
"READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR"**

**February 2**

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

**February 3**

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

**February 4**

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

**February 5**

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

**February 6**

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

**February 7**

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

**February 8**

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

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