

# Applying God's GRACE



February 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 16, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Theme: Forgiving Self**

***As We Gather***

Are you struggling to forgive yourself for mistakes you've made? When you do things you regret, it's easy to get stuck in a place of guilt and shame. Sometimes, you might even tell yourself the lie that you have "gone too far this time," and God will never forgive you. Furthermore, you might feel as if you can never forgive yourself. These lies can make you think you are not worthy of anyone's forgiveness. However, God offers you unending forgiveness despite not deserving it.

***Prayer Before Worship***

Lord, thank You for loving me unconditionally and forgiving me time and time again. I know You forgive me for all my wrongdoings. Lord, please help me do the same for myself. Help me to remember that although forgiveness is not what I deserve, it is Your gift to me, and You have made me as white as snow. Thank You, Lord Jesus. 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

*(Sponsored by Bob Stewart giving thanks to God for the 30 years of being a member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer! Being with my church family, has certainly changed my life for the better, especially my Chapel family)*

*(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)*

## Opening Song

## Great is Thy Faithfulness/Beginning to End-Weaver

**Verse 1:** Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

**Verse 2:** Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

**Chorus:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Refrain:** *(sung by Redeemer Praise)*

*Beginning to end, my life in Your hands. Great! Great is Your faithfulness.*

*You never let go. This one thing I know. Great! Great is Your faithfulness.*

**Verse 3:** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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## **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 1:16-18

*(Forgiveness)*

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

## **Epistle Reading**

Romans 7:7-13

### *(The Law and Sin)*

What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

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

*(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)*

## **Gospel Announcement**

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:1-10

### *(Zacchaeus the tax collector)*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

**Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn 652**

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
2. I lay my wants on Jesus, All fullness dwells in him;  
He healeth my diseases, He doth my soul redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces, I on his breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

## **Sermon**

Text: Luke 19:1-10

"Applying God's Grace"  
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 our 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.

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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***

What a Beautiful Name - Hillsong  
Redeemer Praise

*(Please rise for the Benediction)*

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

***Closing Hymn***

Amazing Grace

*(favorite hymn of Dee Aebersold, Paula Butler, Diane Dorantes,  
Pastor Jimmy Greenwalt II, Lance Harrison, Jeanne Hollis, Donna Hollis,  
Zella Honemann, Nancy Kabacinski, Judy Mammel, Kaki Mammel  
Merryman, Valerie McCammon, Linda McCauley, Greg Merryman,  
Mary Ann Perryman, Pat Raezler, Kitty Sweitzer, Betsy Ukrop)*

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing Gods praise than when we'd first begun.

***Silent Prayer***

***Postlude***

Rick Helderop, organist

*Sanctuary altar flowers* were placed by John Steigenga in celebration of Kate Steigenga's 104th (and counting) birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Love, John, Sue, and Brian Tyler. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Sharon Tylenda in thankfulness for the blessings of Evan Tylenda and Emmy Scheidt who share a birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>! *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Bob Stewart giving thanks to God for the 30 years of being a member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer! Being with my church family has certainly changed my life for the better, especially my Chapel family.

*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*

Ron Curcio, Andy Tafel

*Acolytes*

9:00 - Brady SeGraves, Christian Pedersen

10:30 - Landon Kerr, Tyler Bassett

*Reader*

10:30 - Andrea Calvaneso

*Ushers*

9:00 -Ken Baetz, captain, Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring,  
Bruce Helmke, Tom Boyce

10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, captain, Greg Bloom, Scott Kamm,  
Ben Kamm, Brian May, John Mills

*Audio and Video Operators*

9:00 - Jim Wingo

10:30 - Dave Hamada, Bruce Helmke

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*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](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org)

**February 16, 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 TODAY'S COFFEE HOURS

**Camp Restore Detroit** is a ministry serving in the 9th Precinct of Detroit. Their goal is to partner with the community to restore that neighborhood in Detroit. They do this by connecting Block Clubs and community leaders with volunteers. By supporting all the good things already happening in our community, they know we can all work together to continue restoring the 9th Precinct to a beautiful and growing neighborhood. Redeemer supports Camp Restore financially and by providing volunteers during their workdays.

Contact: Erin Springer ([erin@camprestore.org](mailto:erin@camprestore.org))

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



Family of God (FOG) is a LCMS church in southwest Detroit who service the people in the area who are in need. In addition to worship and Bible Study, FOG provides a variety of services, including: serving hot meals (6-days a week); passing out bagged lunches (twice a week); hosting Narcotics Anonymous; offering pregnancy/infancy care (Luke Clinic); and giving summer field trips to local children. Redeemer partners with FOG and provides two meals each month. We also periodically make bagged lunches, too.

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



Coffee Hour  
February 23

Izosh Coffee Hour



WOMEN INVESTING IN WOMEN®

**Happening TODAY**

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

**8am Redeemer Praise Rehearsal**

**10am [CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE]**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**10am \*NO YOUTH CHOIR TODAY!\***

**10:30a Sunday School**

**11:30am Redeemer Brass Rehearsal**

**2pm Prime Timer Program**

**WHY'S IT CALLED THAT?!**

*Guest presenter will be Bailey Sisoy Moore,  
owner of Detroit History Tours.*

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## A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

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**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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## **Youth Choir Rehearsals**

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

## 2025 Lenten Theme

## THE SEASON OF LENT

### ATTITUDE CHECK!

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest message recorded in the gospels. His message brings to us a great deal of insight into our role in the Kingdom of Heaven. But He starts it all with the “Be Attitudes”.

I must admit at one time the beatitudes sounded to me, “Today, life is hard. But, one day soon I will bless you!” yet, I have discovered that these sayings are powerful when viewed through a new lens. It’s a prescription on how we are to live. This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to live our lives as Be Attitudes.

### LENTEN MEALS

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th and we need YOUR help! Grab your family or some friends and sign- up to host a Lenten lunch or dinner! You can sign-up via the church website or the Town Square bulletin board. Contact **Kim Davis (248.613.4200)** with questions or for more information. If you don’t feel comfortable planning a whole meal, you can sign-up to be a helper!

### LENTENKIDZ

Join us during mid-week Lenten services, which start on Wednesday March 5th, for LentenKidz! All children ages 3 to 5th Grade are welcome! Children go to church with their families and then, after the Children’s Message, will go down to the Scheidt Room for lesson and activities. We hope you’ll join us!

### LENT AND EASTER MUSIC

**Hallelujah Chorus on Easter!** If you plan to attend worship at the 9:00am or 10:30am services on Easter Sunday, April 20th, we invite you to join the Chancel Choir in singing the ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ from Handel’s Messiah! You will be provided with a copy of the music during the service, or a copy can be obtained in advance by contacting **Steve SeGraves**.

**Special Music Needed for Lenten Services!** If you sing or play an instrument, we are looking for individuals to provide special music during our 1:00pm and 7:00pm Wednesday services. Services run Wednesday, March 12th thru Wednesday, April 9th. Please contact **Steve SeGraves** if you’d like to offer your musical ability for one of these services.

### EASTER FLOWERS

**Coming NEXT WEEK!** Be on the look-out for Easter flower order forms to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter. We are firming up the pricing and will have forms next week.

**Make your own**

**RESURRECTION EGGS!**

Resurrection Eggs are a common way to teach others about the story of Easter. Come make your own box of Resurrection Eggs for your family and learn how to teach the story of Easter to others!

PLUS – we'll eat dinner, decorate cookies, and play Easter BINGO! It all happens on **Friday, March 14th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Signing up is a must, as we need to have enough supplies! Sign up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board by Sunday 3/9. Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberbirmingham.org) with questions.

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## **SEASON OF LENT 2025 - WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**March 5, Ash Wednesday - Matthew 5:3**

*Poor in Spirit*

**March 12 - Matthew 5:4**

*Those who Mourn*

**March 19 - Matthew 5:5**

*The Meek*

**March 26 - Matthew 5:6**

*The Hungry and Thirsty*

**April 2 - Matthew 5:7**

*The Merciful*

**April 9 - Matthew 5:8**

*Clean of Heart*

*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)*

## **HOLY WEEK**

Maundy Thursday - April 17

1pm and 7pm

Good Friday - April 18 -

1pm and 7pm

Holy Saturday - April 19

5pm

Easter Sunday - April 20

7, 9, 10:30am

**COMING  
SOON**

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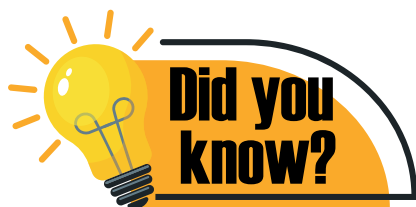
## **REDEEMER'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

This will be a keepsake for you and others.

*Is your information up to date?*

**TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE so it is correct!**





## OUR VERY OWN - "BEACON OF HOPE"



Did you know that our Sanctuary chandelier will be lit all-day - **EVERY day!** - for our entire 100th Anniversary Celebration?!

Tom and Brenda Boyce have graciously sponsored the lighting of our beautiful chandelier in loving memory of their son, John, and all other children who are now held in the arms of Jesus in their heavenly home.

The story of our chandelier, written by Brenda, can found in the Town Square. Be sure to take one home to read!

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>7p Worship</p> <p>8p Al Anon</p> <p>8p Love of Life</p>	<p>9a Accounting</p> <p>9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball</p>	<p>6:45a Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8a Lunch &amp; Worship Prep</p> <p>12p Wednesday Lunch &amp; Worship</p> <p>6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:30a Community Bible Study</p> <p>1p Chicks with Sticks</p> <p>6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball</p> <p>7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>10a Small Group Bible Study</p>	

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

March 12  
April 9

#### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 26  
May 28



## 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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### 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.



scan QR  
code to  
donate

### 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**

TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN TO  
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**CHURCH  
LUNCHES:**  
Once a Month  
after Church

### WATCH PARTY



Stay tuned  
to March's  
Lamp for  
more  
details!

# 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!

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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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## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



**LAST!  
CHANCE!**

**THROUGH THESE DOORS**

How did you come to Redeemer?

Tell your story!

*RYG Bible Study: February 23  
7:00-9:00pm - Meet in the Youth  
Room*

*Core Group: February 26*

**RYG USHERING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

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

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.**

## RUMMAGE SALE

### ***DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SALE***

See Lamp for acceptable items or call the church office.

You can drop off donations in the Gym:

- Saturday, March 1st: 9:00am-1:00pm
- Thursday, March 6th: 9:00am-6:00pm
- MARCH 1 ONLY - Schedule a PICKUP for large items contact Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberbirmingham.org)) by Tuesday 2/25

### ***HELP WITH SET-UP***

- Thursday, March 6th (9:00am-8:00pm)
- Friday, March 7th (9:00am-4:00pm).

Michele Margosian will be available to guide you to an area of need!

### ***SHOP AT THE SALE***

- **EARLY BIRD SALE:** Friday, March 7th; 6:00-8:00pm Donation of \$5/adult will be received.
- **GENERAL SALE:** Saturday, March 8th; 9:00am-3:00pm
- **BAG SALE:** Sunday, March 9th; 12:00-2:00pm \$5/bag of clothing and accessories + HALF-OFF all other items!

### ***HELP WITH CLEAN UP***

Join us for "POWER HOUR" (Sunday, March 9th from 2:30-3:30pm) to help bag and box unsold items for Goodwill and clean-up the rooms used for the sale!

### ***SPREAD THE WORD***

Please encourage family and friends to donate items and shop at the sale to help support our missions!

For any general questions or concerns, please contact Michele Margosian. Cell: 248.515.1282 - Home: 248.855.3694 - [mmargosian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmargosian@sbcglobal.net)

### **JAMS POWER HOUR & GAME NIGHT! SUNDAY 3/9 – 2:30PM TO 6PM**

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

**Sign up via the church website. Contact Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberbirmingham.org)) with any questions or concerns.**

### ***BAGS & HANGERS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE!***

Save your bags (paper/plastic grocery bags, big shopping bags, etc.) and hangers! We need them for the Rummage Sale! If you have any that you'd like to donate, please put them outside Laura Vowell's office.



**February 20, 2025**  
**March 6, 20th, 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 BOOK GROUP - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 7:30 PM**

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. 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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### **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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### **BUNCO NIGHT!**

**COMING SOON!** Hosted by Women's Ministry!

So fun, so easy, so us! ***More information to follow in the bulletin!***

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### **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.



For more information and to register, scan QR code

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### **BIBLE STUDIES**

#### **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 on **Tuesday, February 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.

**2/12:** 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  
TUESDAY MARCH 4TH,  
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!***

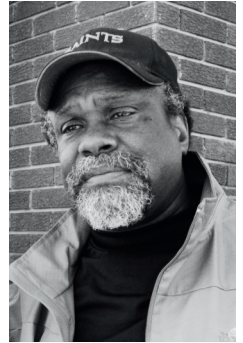
**Request from the Holy History Committee:** If anyone has Black, Silver or Gold picture frames that they would like to donate to the history committee it would be very helpful! Sizes needed would be 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 11 x 14. Thanks in advance! A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to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

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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. This tour has limited capacity (52), early registration and deposit are encouraged. Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685

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## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Dorothy
- Missy Mazur, friend of the congregation.
- Bob, friend of Bonnie Ernewein.
- Amy Valentine, Rosemary Ging's daughter.
- 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
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis
- Jim Zeer, friend of Myrna Orava
- Joe Lagoe
- Kay Trombat
- Frank Rosenzweig

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia
- Carol Wargelin

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

*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.*

*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 16

Leviticus 1:1-3:17  
Mark 1:29-2:12  
Psalm 35:17-28  
Proverbs 9:13-18

### February 17

Leviticus 4:1-5:19  
Mark 2:13-3:6  
Psalm 36:1-12  
Proverbs 10:1-2

### February 18

Leviticus 6:1-7:27  
Mark 3:7-30  
Psalm 37:1-11  
Proverbs 10:3-4

### February 19

Leviticus 7:28-9:6  
Mark 3:31-4:25  
Psalm 37:12-29  
Proverbs 10:5

### February 20

Leviticus 9:7-10:20  
Mark 4:26-5:20  
Psalm 37:30-40  
Proverbs 10:6-7

### February 21

Leviticus 11:1-12:8  
Mark 5:21-43  
Psalm 38:1-22  
Proverbs 10:8-9

### February 22

Leviticus 13:1-59  
Mark 6:1-29  
Psalm 39:1-13  
Proverbs 10:10

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