

ORDER OF WORSHIP April 6, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent Theme: God's Love

As We Gather

Does Narrative preaching prompt and invite the listener to engage his or her own story? And if so, How? (Rev. Dr. Richard Schlak)

Lenten Observance

As part of our Lenten observance, we follow the old church custom of omitting the "Alleluias" from our worship, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent.

Prayer Before Worship

Dear God, I come before you with a heart filled with gratitude for your boundless love. Thank you for the gift of life, for the beauty of creation, and for your unwavering presence in my life. I pray that I may always recognize your love in the smallest of moments and the greatest of challenges. Guide me to live a life that reflects your love, and help me to share that love with others. May I always be aware of your presence, and may I find comfort and peace in your embrace. In Jesus 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 verv talented organist.

Sponsored by Pastor Randy in honor of our very talented organist, Rick Helderop.

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

- O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed;
- Refrain -

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin; - 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 66:12-13

(God's Comfort)

For this is what the Lord says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:1-4

(Obey your Parents)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Verse

R: Rend your heart and not your garments.

C: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Joel 2:13

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:37-39

(A Mother Hen)

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 onlybegotten 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

Amazing Grace

- 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 wed first begun.

Sermon

Text: Matthew 23:37-39

"A Mother's Love" Rev. Randy and the Rev. Dr. Rick 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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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

It is Well With My Soul - arr. Beck Chancel Choir

(Please rise for the Benediction)

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 651

Be Still My Soul

(Favorite hymn of Pam Dundas, Rosemary Ging, David Hardoin, David Pflieger, Jan Pflieger, Sue Soltess, Betsy Ukrop)

- Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
 Thro thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
 To guide the future as He hath the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still my soul; the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastning on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, loves purest joys restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Silent Prayer

Postlude Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Raymond and Jennifer Dobring in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Kristina to Matthew Briede yesterday!. Chapel altar flowers were placed Susan and Steve Priest.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsor for this month is the Eley family.

Altar Guild

Laurie Krentz, Katie Moigis, Julie Nummer, Beth Lanthier, Sandy Pourcho, Cheryl Carr, Asia Maeder, Crissy Bienkowski, Erin Mortenson, Tracey Fish

Elders Assisting with Communion Brian May, Matt Pedersen

Acolytes

9:00 - Brady SeGraves 10:30 - Landon Kerr, Tyler Bassett

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann, Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker 10:30 - Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano, Tim Fithian, John Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan, Blake Burstein, David Lychuk

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Greg Merryman 10:30 - David Hamada, David Hardoin <u>Reader</u>

9:00 and 10:30 - David Mammel

<u>Greeters</u>

9:00 - the Mushovic family 10:30 - the Dobbs family

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Visit us at www.redeemerbirmingham.org for more detailed information.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. (248) 644-4010 /office@redeemerbirmingham.org

April 6, 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

MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel Communion - Monday that falls after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

*10:30am livestreamed service Go to www.redeemerbirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

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.

Happening TODAY

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

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal 8:30a Coffee Hour 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal 3p Birmingham Concert Band 3p Langsford Choir Rehearsal 7p RYG

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



Coffee Hour Hosts: JAMS and Confirmation

for Fun and Fellowship!



THIS Friday, April 11 at 6:45p Register NOW QR code on page5



April 9, 2025 Lunch:

Six-layer homemade lasagna with veal/beef/pork meatball center, Crunchy Italian bread sticks with soft butter, Sal's style simple salad with creamy Parmesan Italian dressing, Gelato for dessert Sponsored by: the Thompsom family

Dinner:

Grilled sliced bratwurst in sauerkraut, German Potato Salad , Glazed carrots , German creamy cucumber salad, Macaroni and cheese (for the kids) Rolls, Dessert

Sponsored by: Michele Margosian and Men's Bible Study



Last Lenten Worship

THE BE ATTITUDES

MATTHEW 5:3-12

We will study the beatitudes as a way to our lives as Be Attitudes.

April 9 - Matthew 5:8 Clean of Heart 1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm -Sanctuary

Lunch at 12:00 noon and Dinner at 6:00pm (5:30pm confirmands)

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13

Children's Palm Parade during 10:30 am worship

All kids of the congregation are welcome to join us for a **Palm Parade on Palm Sunday, April 13th.** Meet in the Fellowship Hall (in the lower level under the Sanctuary) at 10:15 and we will process in with our palms.

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

The Palm Cross Workshop is scheduled for **Friday, April 11 at 9:00 am**, in the gym. Kathy and Tom Eley are ready to show the novices how to make a cross from a palm branch and encourage the seasoned veterans to continue their good work. Snacks, lunch, beverages and encouragement will be generously served. Join us for the making of 800 crosses to share!

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

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!

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



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 • Sponsor Altar Flowers! the Town Square bulletin board. • Family Ushering

- · Be A Reader!
- Be A Greeter!
- Host A Coffee Hour!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!





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.



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!!!

HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Grab your family or friends and HOST a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just HOST for FUN! We have clear instruction and someone who can help you through the process!

Signup on the Coffee Hour signup under the Ways to Serve option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, LITTLE ONES! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun. And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.

SUNDAYS

BIBLE STUDIES

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

We have finished "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table".....how timely, accurate and appropriate for the times we live in. Join us for Bible Study this Tuesday, April 8th, and 15th at 6:30. We will do a mini "Walk to the Cross" with readings from scripture of the last days of Jesus.

Please let Kitty (misskitty@redeemerbirmingham.org) know if you would like to

attend and share this journey with us. We will save a place for you.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room! We are a group of moms that discuss topics relating to family-life, parenting, and motherhood. We explore a wide-range of books and ideas throughout the year and enjoy conversation, prayer, and community. Nursery care is provided and available on a drop-in basis for younger children. Each session stands alone - we look forward to having you!

Please reach out to Kristin Thompson or Victoria Ilitch with any questions. Join us in April as we begin to prepare our hearts and homes for summer!

- April 9th: Officer Gina Moody -Guest Speaker from the Birmingham Police Department
- April 16th: NO CLASS Spring Break
- April 23rd: NO CLASS Spring Break
- April 30th: Cook for FOG (Meet in the Kitchen)

REDEEMER YOUNG **ADULTS**

BIBLE STUDY: First Thursday of Every Month

CHURCH LUNCHES: Once a Month after Church

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

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

New Member Sermon Series!

Spring New Redeemer's Member Session is going to be a little bit different this time... instead of traditional classes with teachers in a classroom, we will have a special sermon series that will review the Lutheran doctrine! All you have to do is let us know you'd like to become an official member of Redeemer (by emailing Priskorn gpriskorn@redeemerbirmingham.org) and then come to church and listen to the sermons. If you miss coming to church, you can watch the recording via Vimeo on the church website to make up the day and learn that doctrine.

Dates are: April 27, May 4, 18, 25, June 8, 15

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom, as we continue to study the book of Acts. The emphasis of this important book is literally the fulfillment of the Great Commission. describing the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. Contact Gary Priskorn for further information.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 17
1p - Chapel; *7p - Sanctuary
Holy Communion at both services

Good Friday, April 18
1p and *7p - Sanctuary
7p is the Tenebrae service

Easter Eve, April 19 5p - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services, April 20 7:30a with Holy Communion 9:00a and *10:30a all Easter services in the Sanctuary

*Holy Week 7p Lenten services and the 10:30a Easter Service will be livestreamed

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

Easter Egg Hunt - Easter morning after the 10:30am Easter Worship Service Hey Kids, don't forget your Easter Baskets!

Any questions of Children's events, contact Nicole Olds.

The Lenten Devotion can be found on the Lent/Easter page of the church website, just click on the Lent/Easter link at the top of the homepage of the church website. OR find printed copies around the church building

YEAR 3

CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 11th-Saturday, April 12th: Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, May 3rd: Confirmation Day

Be sure to check out May's Lamp for all of our Confirmand bios!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

The annual National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1st, inviting people to pray for the nation.

JOIN US in the Chapel to PRAY with the Nation.

Redeemer KAMP 2025

Redeemer Summer Kamp is a week-long sleepaway camp for kids entering 3rd-9th grade. Please visit our website to read more about our Kamp mission, camp facilitates, and staff.

- Registration is open to Redeemer members and returning Kamp families ONLY!
- APRIL 1, 2025: Registration is open to everyone!

If you have any questions about Kamp, please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs on the church website. If you still have questions, please send us an email (redeemerkamp@gmail.com).

Kampers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH!

A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are grateful for **Don Jackson** and his faithful service as **Treasurer of the Leadership Team**. Earlier this March, Don decided to step down from this role, and while his presence in this position will be greatly missed, we deeply appreciate the dedication, expertise, and countless hours he has devoted to our church.

Don has been instrumental in managing Redeemer's finances, administrative processes, and employment matters, ensuring the smooth operation of our church. His diligence and leadership have been invaluable in keeping our congregation strong and financially sound.

We are excited to share that **Stacey Rolf** will be stepping into the role of **Treasurer.** Stacey has been an active and dedicated member of the Leadership Team, and we have full confidence in her ability to serve with wisdom and care.

Please join us in extending our sincere thanks to Don for his years of service and in praying for Stacey as she embraces this new role.

GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK - Redeemer Columbarium

You should have received a letter in the mail highlighting the Glen Eden Memorial Park - Redeemer Columbarium. If you would like more information on Redeemer's Columbarium, you will find brochures located around the building. You can also call Glen Eden directly at 248.477.4460.

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.

FAMILY OF GOD

Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!

April 14th - RYG cooks and serves
April 30th - Positive Parenting
May 12th - RYG cooks and serves

★CABARET DINNER

Saturday, April 26th at 7:00pm Come for a great show and enjoy a delicious Italian-themed dinner, silent auction!

A minimum donation of \$25.00 perperson is requested or reserve a full table (8 people maximum) for a \$250.00. minimum donation of Reserved seating tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting (248.613-2623 Flayer Sally saflayer@comcast.net). Reserved seats will be sold on a first come first served basis. If the event sells out, there will not be at-the-door sales. Please order your tickets early - we

hope you'll join us! When making your reservation, please indicate any special dietary requirements. 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.

COUNSELING

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

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

100th Anniversary Concert Series! stay tuned for additional concerts throughout the year!

Sunday, April 6th - 3:00pm: Birmingham Concert Band (Redeemer Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 10th - 1:00pm: The Birmingham Musicale Choral Ensemble (Redeemer Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 26th - 7:00pm: Cabaret Dinner, Show, and Silent Auction with the Farmington Chorus (directed by Steve SeGraves -Redeemer gym)

Saturday, May 10th - 7:00pm: King's Brass Concert

Sunday, May 18th - 4:00pm: Men's Choral Concert featuring the Langsford Men's Chorus (conducted by Steve SeGraves - Redeemer Sanctuary)







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Dr. Abadir Ibrahim is the Associate Director of Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School. Dr. Ibrahim's research focuses on African approaches to human rights and his broader research interests encompass the intersection of global human rights and non Western institutions and traditions. His academic and legal work focuses on African countries, especially his home country of Ethiopia.

REGISTER TODAY with QR code or in the Town Square





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Here Comes the Sun

April 6, 2025 | 3:00pm

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PATRICK JENSEN CELEBRATING 47 YEARS OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Vacation Bible School is back for 2025 and is taking place June 16-20!

Magnified! Discovering the BIGNESS of God in the SMALLEST of things!



If you are enrolling your child for the first time at Our Shepherd Lutheran School or Lutheran High Northwest and you'd like to find out more about sponsorship, you must make an appointment by mid-April to speak with **Pastor Randy**. Be sure to schedule your appointment as soon as possible!

Parents re-enrolling your children at either Our Shepherd or LHNW for the 2025-2026 school year, please inform Carrie Morris in the Church Office as soon as possible.



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REGISTER NOW!
Use the QR code to Register.
ALREADY 200 KIDS REGISTERED!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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. **Contact Nicole Olds with any questions!**

MOUNT EVEREST TRAGEDY - A TIME TO LIVE...A TIME TO DIE

Everyone is encouraged to mark your calendar for the next Primer Timer event, scheduled **Sunday, May 4th at 6:00pm**. Please join us for a very special and moving presentation in our Sanctuary by **Redeemer member and renowned mountain climber, Lou Kasischke**. Lou was part of a Mount Everest climbing expedition in 1996, one which turned out to be the worst tragedy in Mount Everest's history. His intriguing and inspirational story is one you won't want to miss!

A question/answer session will follow Lou's presentation, along with refreshments in the Town Square. More details to come in April's Lamp!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our Chicks with Sticks love to knit and share their expertise with others so if you would like to make a scarf, hat, blanket or other item for the less fortunate, homeless or infant in need please plan on joining us every first and third Thursday of the month. Our next date is **April 10 at 1:00 in the library.** See you there!

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

"A Thousand Tomorrows" by Karen Kingsbury is our choice for a good read and an even better discussion - join us on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:30pm in the Town Square! Cody Gunner and Ali Daniels both ride in the Pro Rodeo Tour hiding a secret. Cody, a bull rider, is trying to rid himself of the anger he feels toward his father for leaving their family because his brother, Carl Joseph, has

Down syndrome. Ali, a barrel racer with cystic fibrosis, wants to live life to the fullest since the death of her sister, also from cystic fibrosis, even though it means shortening hers. One evening, after her run, Cody finds Ali struggling to catch her breath and he ministers to her. Out of that moment comes a friendship which soon turns to love and the sacrifice it brings. Karen Kingsbury has a unique writing style - the words flow easily, with no mistakes in editing. Join us for a good discussion and even better fellowship!

WHO WANTS TO BOCCE?!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our 15th annual "Fred Hollis Memorial Bocce Ball Tournament" will be on Wednesday, May 14th!

Guys of all ages are cordially invited to join us for some great fellowship starting at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 14th! Thank you to the Hollis Ladies for - again! - hosting at the Hollis' Home. A meal of chicken shawarma and side dishes will be served from 6:00-6:45pm with bocce ball to follow. There will also be a Bean Bag Toss (Cornhole) "course" set-up for individual competition while waiting for your next round of Bocce!

There is no charge for the evening - a freewill donation will be received. Please sign-up by May 11th on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

07 MON 7p Worship 8p Al Anon 8p Love of Life

08 tues Pastor Jimmy's Birthday 9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball 6:30p Women's Bible Study

6:45a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Positive Parenting 12p Lenten Lunch 1p Lenten Worship 6p Confirmation 6p RYG Core Group 6p Lenten Dinner 7p Lenten Kids 7p Lenten Worship 7:15p Ldership Tm Mtg

7:45p Chancel Choir Lenten 9a Palm Cross Rehearsal

10 thurs

1p Concert -The Birmingham Musicale Choral Ensemble 1p Chicks with Sticks 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball 7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal

11 FRI

Workshop 6p iZosh Event 12 SAT

baptism

100th Anniversary of Faith and Family

On June 1, 2025 following the 10:30 service we will celebrate our 100th anniversary of faith and family at Redeemer. A delicious brunch will be served catered by Nino Salvaggio which guarantees a delicious meal for all ages. Included is a kid-friendly side menu and table activities for the little ones! A free will donation is deeply appreciated and a ticket (free) is essential to ensure a seat at the table and enough everything for all. Stop by the Town Square during coffee hour to pick up your tickets, register your seats. In the event you have to cancel you can return your tickets to Redeemer for some one else to use. Email/call Kitty and she will put tickets for you and yours in the box outside her office door. "Generation to Generation" – that's us! Looking forward to sharing the time with you!

A free will donation shared now or at the brunch Is deeply appreciated!

"GENERATION TO GENERATION"



THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING YOUTH **MINISTRIES**

In 1977, Kid Kat Kamp had 44 campers. The program budget was \$5,013, with 81% of the cost going directly to Camp Skyline. The budget also included one campership (scholarship), \$10 for curriculum material, \$100 for safety training and supplies, and \$400 total for salaries for four administrative staff and ten counselors. Program costs were partially covered by a fundraiser selling garbage bags, which raised \$359

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 Women's and Men's Ministries.

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.

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wednesday, April 9th: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm Meet in the Youth Room

Sunday, April 13th:

9:00am: Mission-Team Sponsored Coffee Hour

Meet in the Kitchen

7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group

Meet in the Youth Room

Monday, April 14th: FOG, 5:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Kitchen

Wednesday, April 16th: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

Sunday, April 20th: *NO MEETING - HAPPY EASTER!*

Sunday, April 27th:

10:30am: RYG Ushers for Worship Service

Meet in the Sanctuary 7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group Meet in the Youth Room

ATTEND LENTEN **SERVICES**

RYG meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm Lenten Services at 7:00pm - April 9
Questions? Contact Gia or Fric!



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PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Jason Sizeland, David Bastian's nephew
- Terry Roberts
- Missy Mazur, friend of the congregation
- Ron Pflieger
- Sue Sack
- Jeff Harper
- Norm and Barb Morrell
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin
- Ron Ging
- Rick & Carol Warnicke,
- George Bailey

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.
- A man going through legal and medical problems.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
- For the wedding of Kristina Dobring and Matt Briede yesterday in our Sanctuary.

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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS May 28

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS April 9 Come join the

Redeemer Oktoberfest Brass Band to celebrate Frühlingsfest (Spring Oktoberfest). Saturday April 26 from 5-8 at Kuhnhenn Brewing,

3600 Groesbeck, Clinton Twp and on May 3rd 5-8 at Kuhnhenn, 5919 Chicago Rd, Warren. See Pastor Jimmy for questions.

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

April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
Deut. 29:1-30:20	Deut. 31:1-32:27	Deut. 32:28-52	Deut. 33:1-29
Luke 11:37-12:7	Luke 12:8-34	Luke 12:35-59	Luke 13:1-21
Psalm 78:1-31	Psalm 78:32-55	Psalm 78:56-64	Psalm 78:65-72
Proverbs 12:19-20	Proverbs 12:21-23	Proverbs 12:24	Proverbs 12:25

April 10	April 11	April 12
Deut. 34:1-12	Joshua 3:1-4:24	Joshua 5:1-7:15
Joshua 1:1-2:24	Luke 14:7-35	Luke 15:1-32
Luke 13:22-14:6	Psalm 80:1-19	Psalm 81:1-16
Psalm 79:1-13	Proverbs 12:27-28	Proverbs 13:1
Proverbs 12:26		

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