



Mom, WHAT DO YOU HAVE
IN THE HOUSE?

NOTHING BUT
A POT OF

Oil



May 11, 2025
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 11, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Theme: Love

As We Gather

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year. In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia. Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful in 1911 as Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, You have been pleased to give all human beings the joy of having a mother who works with You to give them life and bring them to human adulthood. You have given followers of Your Son the added joy of a Christian mother, who works with You to give supernatural life to a child and to bring up that child to Christian adulthood. Over the centuries there have been countless such mothers, heroic, courageous, loving, dedicated, and unconquerable. They have given us the Christian Ages and Christian Saints and in the final analysis assisted greatly in the Christian faith. Most of these mothers are unsung in the eyes of the world; they must be content with little things: a smile, a thank you, and a token of remembrance. In Your eyes, however, they are of inestimable worth. Your Word in the Bible uses a mother's love to describe Your overwhelming love for Your people, and Jesus uses the image of a mother bird to indicate His love for His people. Dear Lord, let me honor my mother if she is living and remember her with thankful prayer if she now dwells in the presence of the saints in Heaven. Pour down Your grace on all mothers on this day dedicated to them. Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Paula Butler in honor of my parents, missing you both.

This was their favorite song.)

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

2. I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on. *Refrain*
3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the +Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

(The Widow's Olive Oil)

2 Kings 4:1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-6

(The Faith Passed Down)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Voluntary

Not Ashamed - Forrest

Mother's Day Men's Choir; Brian Buckmaster, percussion

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-7

(Mother Mary Gives Birth)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn 36

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Sermon

Text: 2 Kings 4:1-7

“Mother’s Oil, When Little is More than Enough”

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.

Anthem

“M-O-T-H-E-R” - Howard Johnson

Redeemer Brass

M is for the million things she gave me.

O means only that she’s growing old.

T is for the tears she shed to save me.

H is for her heart of purest gold.

E is for her eyes, with love-light shining.

R means right and right she’ll always be.

Put them all together they spell Mother, a word that means the world to me.

(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

The Lord's Prayer

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; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us: May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us: May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Closing Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

(Favorite hymn of Zella Honemann, Kris Leonard, Stephanie Bowers, Marsha Suszan, Carolyn Becker, Patricia Nehls, Kitty Sweitzer, Patty Jacobs, Kaki Mammel Merryman, Leslie Whitfield, Donna Hollis, Jeanie Buechner, Barbara Peterson, Alida Toth, Andrea Swoyer, Patrick Carr)

1. You, who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge, my Rock in whom I trust."

Refrain:

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings; bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

2. Snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your Refuge, His faithfulness, your shield. *Refrain*
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you, it shall not come. *Refrain*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Redeemer Brass

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Ken and Cherisse Baetz who have been blessed to be celebrating 55 years of marriage. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed in celebration of Jim Endress' 80th birthday from his kids and grandkids! *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Paula and Larry Butler in loving memory of our mothers, Gloria and Donna.

Altar Guild

Lynn Duerr, Mary Ann Perryman, Julie Buechner, Talitha Farah,
Kay Scheidt, Barb Button Meier, Tracey Fish, Tom Eley

Readers

10:30 - Sharon Tylenda

Ushers

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

10:30 - Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano,
Tim Fithian, John Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan,
Blake Burstein, David Lychuk

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Endress
10:30 - Jim Endress and Dave Kiehle

Greeter

9:00 & 10:30 - Andrea Schlak

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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

May 11, 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 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 and 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*

**HAPPY
Mother's
Day**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



**CHECK
IT OUT**

**NEW MEMBER
SERMON SERIES**
Details Inside!

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

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.

ALL paper sign-up 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 the Town Square bulletin board.*

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



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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.

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!!!

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!

ATTENTION!! Should you receive a phone call or an email from Pastor Randy requesting money, gift cards or valuable items, **PLEASE IGNORE IT!** Be sure to look carefully at the email address - if it does not come from **rschlak@redeemberbirmingham.org**, it is **NOT** from Pastor Randy. **Please delete the email and AVOID RESPONDING.** If you are unsure, kindly forward the email to or contact the Church Office, and we will look into it further for you.

MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP JUNE 2 - AUGUST 25, 2025



Fellowship nights include refreshments, light dinner, and dessert. We will gather outside the Chapel at 6:30pm, and worship will begin at 7:00pm. If you would like to host an evening, call the church office!



15TH ANNUAL "FRED HOLLIS MEMORIAL BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT"

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 TODAY on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GETTING A FLORAL LIFT!

EXCITING NEWS! We have a new vendor for Altar flowers, so come take a look! Tiffany Florist is taking the reins. Check out the May Lamp for details. As of May 1, there will be a slight increase for Altar flowers, but lectern flowers will be slightly less. The new rates are as follows:

- Sanctuary: \$75
- Chapel: \$55
- Lectern: \$35

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kitty is in need of many helpers who will only be asked to serve a very short time-slot at the **100th Anniversary luncheon** just to get things rolling. Then, at the end of the luncheon you will find Kitty in the kitchen cleaning up, alongside **YOU!** This is a one-of-a-kind day and you won't want to miss it.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.
248-568-6040

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

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, Royal Oak)

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

Community Bible Study - Starts Fall of 2025 - Andrea Schlak

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We just wrapped another wonderful series - thank you to Kaki Mammel for her wonderful lesson on the Abrahamic Covenant! She left us wanting more, so we are now studying "The Early Church Becoming a Light in the Darkness." What happened when Jesus died? Real faith, real life. For Christians today, faith in God can sometimes seem to be a cerebral choice. For the early church, it was the difference between life and death. In this next chapter of That the World May Know, discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. Our study began on April 29th, but we hope you'll join us over the next several weeks! **Meet in the Great Room on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm - study will conclude on June 3rd. No meeting on May 27th).**

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHES
SOCIALS AND Once a Month
OUTINGS! after Church

Contact Michael Banerian for meeting dates!

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.

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!

Join us for our final meeting on May 14th for our End of Year Party as prepare our hearts and homes for summer! Meetings will break for the summer and reconvene after Labor Day. Please reach out to Kristin Thompson or Victoria Ilitch with any questions.

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.

100th Anniversary of Faith and Family

Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Celebration - June 1, 2025

In just 7 days, 150 people have signed up to attend Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Luncheon Bash. So, what is this all about? Immediately following the 10:30 service, June 1, 2025, and after you have listened to Pastor Mark Wuggazer (a Redeemer kid born and raised in this church) we will celebrate with a delicious Nino Salvaggio brunch featuring salads, quiche, fruits, pastries, sandwiches, desserts, and a special consideration for our childrena dino-nugget/mac and cheese bar complete with Ranch dressing. There will be table entertainment for the young ones and the rest of us will enjoy each other's company and conversation with a very short program, a few remarks and a lovely meal meant to bring us together in fellowship and celebration. Tables are for 8 people (maybe squeeze 9-but you have to let Kitty know!) You will need a ticket (free) to save a seat. Of course, we will always have room for one more but you will save the committee a last minute frenzy by signing up. I am in need of many helpers who will only be asked to serve a very short time just to get things rolling. Then, at the end of luncheon you will find me in the kitchen cleaning up, alongside YOU! (I hope!) This is a one-of-a-kind day - you won't want to miss it!

Questions? Call or email Kitty. Tickets available until Sunday, May 18th!

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.



**NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS!**

JOIN CAMP RESTORE DETROIT ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A SERVICE DAY!

People of all ages are welcome - individuals, families, and groups - come by alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know beforehand...

- Volunteers will serve from 9:30am-3:00pm.
- Bring a sack lunch and a refillable water bottle.
- Dress for the work and the weather. Some projects may be outside.

For more information, contact Tanya Karn at tanya@camprestore.org or 313-636-4422 ex.1.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

May 28
July 23

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

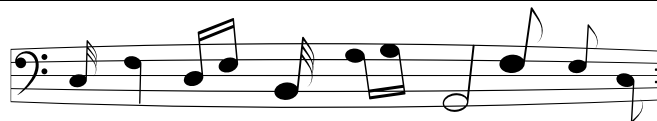
June 11
July 9

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

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

FAMILY OF GOD

Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!
June 9th - RYG cooks and serves!



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Whether you sing or play an instrument, we would love to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for a 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer! Summer special music will be needed beginning on Sunday, June 8th, and all the way through Labor Day weekend. Individuals will be needed to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer. **If you are interested, please contact Steve SeGraves.**



LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP
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 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.



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN,
ENTERTAINMENT, AND BASEBALL!**

**FAITH NIGHT UNICORNS VS. MAMMOTHS -
REDEEMER SUMMER PICNIC - FRIDAY, JULY 18TH
FIRST PITCH 7:05PM - GATES OPEN 6:00PM**

Group Perks Include:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on the scoreboard
- Kids Run the Bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking



***Purchase your tickets today!
Contact Nicole Olds with any questions!***

Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. *Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes.* Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

NEW MEMBER SERMON SERIES

Redeemer's Spring New 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 the church office know and come to church and listen to the sermons. Once you let the church office know, they will provide you with new member intake forms, along with The Lutheran Small Catechism, which will help you along in your journey. Don't worry 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.

**Series Dates: April 27; May 5, 18, 25;
June 8, 15**

**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.



All 2024 high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing at our "Dads & Grads" celebration on Father's Day, June 16th, at the 10:30am church service.

If you can attend, please contact Gia Scheidt (gscheidt@gmail.com or 248-520-6407) so we can print your name in the bulletin!

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!

MINISTRIES AT WORK

CHICKS WITH STICKS

Chicks with Sticks meets every first and third Thursday afternoon of the month. Join us for good conversation, company, and creative ideas, new projects and the finishing of old ones... We are knitters making hats, scarves, and small blankets for the homeless through Family of God in Detroit. We love to knit and have lots of yarn here in our bins at Redeemer. All you have to do is come and join us in helping others, or come to learn how to knit. Projects can go with you in the car, while you wait for and on others, or sitting alone in a sunny window! Make those needles click for someone in need! **We'll meet you in the Library at 1:00pm on May 15th!**

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND WORSHIP

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on **May 21st at 12:00pm in the Great Room.**

We'll be serving a delicious meal. (lemon chicken piccata, lemon orzo salad, green beans, and a dessert of creamy lemon mousse with strawberries). After the meal we'll move to the Chapel at 1:00pm for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. Please call the Church Office (248-644-4010) if you plan to join us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we'll do our best to assist. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

We'll meet on **Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30pm** to review ***Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*** by Li-Ji Jiang. This is NOT a book about the "big picture" of what happened in Communist China during the Cultural Revolution. Rather, it is a memoir of the lives of a young girl and her family and her friends' families. For the Chinese people, society's rules about what is good and bad were reversed, first when the Communists conquered China in 1949, and then the reversal was emphasized seventeen years later, when the Cultural Revolution began. The result was that families who, before Communism, had worked hard and intelligently and had prospered suddenly became national enemies. Even those who had chosen not to flee China, out of a strong sense of Chinese patriotism, like the author's parents and grandparents, were declared by the state to be "enemies of the people". Even worse, no way was allowed for such a family to "make up" for its past, and even the children who were born into Communism, like the author and her siblings and friends, were declared to be guilty of the "crimes" of their ancestors. Agonizing choices, sacrifice, fear and reprisal underscore this story of passage. We will be waiting for you in the Town Square.

MEN'S MINISTRY - TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Men's Golf and Barbecue
Wednesday, August 14
3:00pm: 9-Hole Scramble at
Lincoln Hills Golf Course
6:00pm: BBQ at Beverly Park
Pavilion

**A Day at the
Hollis' Cottage**
Thursday, August 15
2:00-6:00pm
Open to All
Hosted by Prime
Timers Group



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!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK FOR 2025 - JUNE 16-20!



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

SIGN-UP TODAY!
Use the QR code to Register!
250 KIDS REGISTERED!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

VBS provides snacks for the kiddos attending, but the teens and adults that volunteer their time love a little something, too!

Please consider providing a snack (bagels, baked goods, chips/pretzels, fruit/veggies, etc.) for our hard workers. Please sign-up online via the church's Sign-Up Genius to volunteer to bring something in.
Thank you for your help!

VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS?! We are looking for adults of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun!

Teachers, classroom helpers, craft workers, and kitchen sous-chefs are all needed - please consider volunteering!

Please sign-up online via the church's Sign-Up Genius to volunteer in the kitchen or craft area. Interested in teaching? Please reach out to Nicole Olds.
Thank you for making this week possible for our kiddos!

REDEEMER KAMP 2025

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

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).

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The VBS 2025 Team could use your help prepping some of our amazing decorations. We can use people of all abilities not just seasoned pros.

Join us May 21st at 6:30pm in the Great Room.

Contact Nicole Olds with questions.

VBS 2025 COULD USE YOUR HELP GATHERING DECORATIONS!

We are looking for old party supplies you may have lying around the house. Specifically we are looking for bees, butterflies, and lady bugs. We can also use brown cardboard egg cartons.
Contact Nicole Olds with questions.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Summer Sunday School will start June 23rd. We meet every Sunday during the 10:30am service only. The teachers who teach during the school year take a break during the summer so I am looking for people to step up and teach. We have a lesson and then head to the playground for fellowship and popsicles. It can be one week or more, whatever works with your schedule. I am happy to walk you through the lesson, which I provide. Contact Nicole Olds to sign-up or if you have questions.



**TO MARK LEONETTI
FOR PAINTING THE
TOWN SQUARE! IT
LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!**

REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



MAY MEETING SCHEDULE:

TOMORROW - Family of God

May 18th - Senior Send-off

Last Sunday RYG night of the year!

Core Group meets on **May 14, 21, 28**

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ALWAYS CHECK

**INSTAGRAM FOR ANY
SCHEDULE CHANGES**



SIXTH ANNUAL USHER AND ELDERS PARTY!

**All ushers (and potential ushers),
elders and pastors invited!**

PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, August 13th from 1-4pm

Paul Quasarano's Backyard
31033 Franklin Road - Franklin, MI

Lunch, drinks, and good cheer
provided - bring your swimsuits if you
want to take a dip!

SAVE THE DATE

**STAY TUNED...
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
COMING SOON!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

James Burke
Blake Dobbs
Cam Friedrich
Grant Harper
Caleb Hurst
JD Kamm

Duke Kiriluk
Nick Mushovic
Meara SeGraves
Evan Yuhn
Luca Zuliani

AND WELL-DONE TO OUR 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS FOR COMPLETING THE YEAR STRONG!

Confirmation will break for the summer
and begin again in September.

**Classes for 6th-8th grade students
will occur every Wednesday from
6:00-8:00pm.** If your child is in the 6th
grade - or if they're older - and you
would like to enroll them in

Confirmation, please contact **Laura
Vowell**, and she will get you all set-up!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

12 MON

7pm: Worship
8pm: Al Anon
8pm: Love of Life

13 TUES

9:30am: Tuesday
Morning Bible
Study
6:30pm:
Redeemer
Pickup
Basketball
6:30pm:
Women's Bible
Study

14 WED

6:45am: Men's
Bible Study
9:15a Positive
Parenting
6pm: Men's
Bocce Ball
Tournament
6pm: RYG Core
Group
6:30pm: Chancel
Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm:
Leadership Team
Meeting

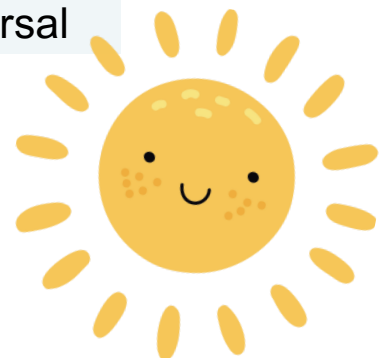
15 THURS

1pm: Chicks
with Sticks
6:30pm:
Redeemer
Pickup
Basketball
7pm:
Redeemer
Ringers
Rehearsal

16 FRI

17 SAT

7pm:
Langsford
Men's Chorus
Concert





THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

TRIVIA: In 1943, when VBS first started, the registration fee for the entire 3-week program for ages 3-14 was \$100. This fee was used to cover materials. Within a short time, the fee was raised to \$1.25.

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 Children'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 5x7, 8x10, and 11x14.

Thanks in advance!

A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off.

Through These Doors is our little book written by Redeemer members and friends. It is going to publish soon! Thank you for your submissions and wonderful stories about finding your way to Redeemer - it is a joy to read! Please watch the announcements to find out when and where you can pick up your copy.

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

MAY 11

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

MAY 12

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

MAY 13

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

MAY 14

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

MAY 15

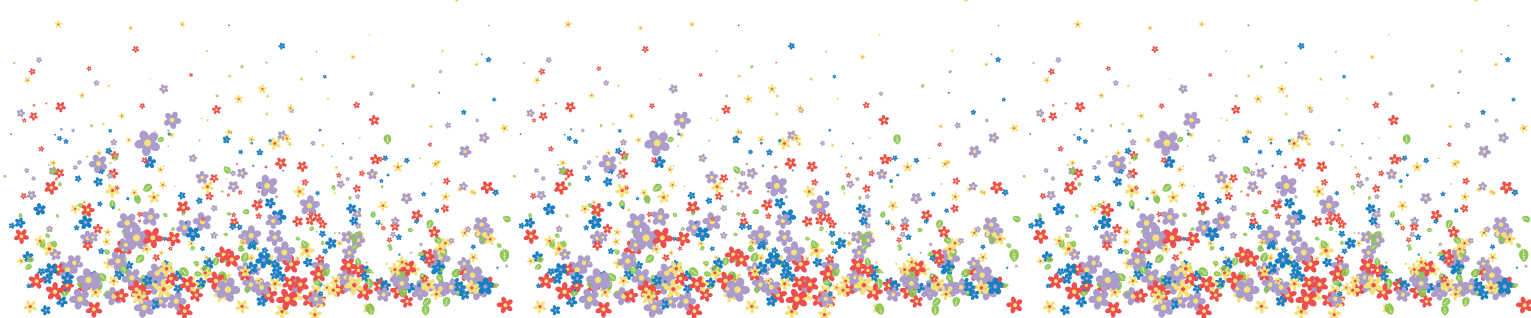
1 Samuel 17:1-18:4
John 8:21-30
Psalm 111:1-10
Proverbs 15:11

MAY 16

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

MAY 17

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



PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

- Please pray for the family and friends of Marlene Loucks, who was called to her heavenly home.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Mary Sarkis, sister of Margaret Loose, who was called to her heavenly home.

For those with health concerns:

- Baby Rosie
- Missy Mazur
- Asia Maeder
- Pat Nehls
- John, friend of Debi Hollis
- David
- Ryder Finkel, friend of the Calvanos's
- Sue Zimmerman
- Marcie, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Terry Roberts
- Sue Sack
- Amy Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin
- Joe Lagoe
- Kay Trombat
- Frank Rosenzweig
- Elaine Schultz, mother of Pam Tyndall
- Ron Ging

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police, and 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.

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.

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