

The **TRANSFIGURATION**
of our **LORD**



Seeing the Glory

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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The Transfiguration Of Our Lord
Theme: Seeing The Glory

As We Gather

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

Prayer Before Worship

God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame, your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, but he returned to die among us. Help us face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Jacob Imhoff in honor of Adeline's 5th birthday.

This is her favorite song)

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 26

Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yea, I will laud Him until death.

With songs and anthems Ill come before Him
As long as he doth give me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Blessed, yea, blessed, is he forever
Whose help is in the Lord most high,
Whom from the saving faith naught can sever
And who in hope to Christ draws nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord,
Counsel and aid He doth afford. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
3. God the Almighty, the great Creator,
Ruler of sky and land and sea,
All things ordained, and sooner or later
They come to pass unfailingly.
His rule is over rich and poor,
His promise ever standeth sure. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

2 Kings 2:1-13

(Elijah taken up to Heaven)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of

his garment and tore it in two. Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

(Jesus Greater than Moses)

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-13

(The Transfiguration)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

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

Tis Good Lord to be Here

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past! Promise of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified and our redemption see.

4. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here. Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Sermon

Text: Matthew 17:1-13

“I See Dead People”
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.

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

Hail Holy Light - Helvey

Chancel Choir

(Please rise for the Benediction)

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Farewell to Alleluia

11th Century Text

*(The Alleluia banner will be removed from the Sanctuary
during the singing of this hymn)*

It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a farewell to Alleluia be sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally Alleluia is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. This 11th-century hymn, translated by John Mason Neale, is a traditional farewell to Alleluia.

1. Alleluia, song of sweetness, voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee;
But by Babylons sad waters mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for awhile forego;
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.
4. Therefore in our hymns we pray thee grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter in our home beyond the sky,
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Keith and Linda Lewis in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary! *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Bonnie Ernewein in loving memory of Bob Ernewein. *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Ron Beyer in thanksgiving for over 70 years at Redeemer and 62 years married to his wife Joan.

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift,
Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Tracey Fish,
Richelle and Liz Pedersen

Elders Assisting with Communion

Scott Kamm and Rudy Becker

Acolytes

9:00 - Brady SeGraves
10:30 - James Burke Evan Yuhn

Greeters

9:00 - the Friedrich family
10:30 - the Zuliani family

Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel, Eric Rolf, Ron
LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly
10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen, Jim Staargaard,
Orion Pedersen, Brad Baldner, Ryan Teahan

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Greg Merryman
10:30 - Greg Merryman, David Hardoin

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your community church

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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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 & 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

Transfiguration of the Lord

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

8:30a Coffee Hour

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Faithful Friends

Enrichment Event

11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

3p Langsford Choir Rehearsal

4p Mission Trip Meeting #2

7p RYG Bible Study

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



LENTEN MENU

Ash Wednesday - March 5, 2025

Lunch: White Chicken Chili, Cornbread, Tossed salad, Cobbler Cookies

Dinner: Taco Bar with all the fixing Churros and Ice cream



See LENT and Holy Week Schedule
on page 2 of these Announcements
Find the link to the Lenten Devotion on
the homepage of the church website

Faithful Friends - Enrichment Series

Sunday, March 2, 11:45-12:45 in the Great Room

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.

Spring Concerts at Redeemer

Thursday, March 13th - 1:00pm: The Birmingham Musicale Choral Ensemble *(Redeemer Sanctuary)*

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)*

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

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

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.

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 with any questions.

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

****additional 7am Sunrise Service on Ash**

Wednesday-Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes only

Each worship service is preceded by a meal:

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

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 1p -

Chapel; 7p - Sanctuary

Holy Communion at both services

Good Friday, April 18 - 1p and 7p -

Sanctuary

Easter Eve, April 19 - 5p - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services, April 20

7:30a with Holy Communion; 9:00a and 10:30a

Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday 10:30a service. Bring your Easter Basket!!

***all 7pm Lenten services & the 10:30a Easter Service will be livestreamed**

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.

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.

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.

**IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME...
ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!**

EASTER IS SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2025
Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas (Blue & Pink),
and Boston Ferns...Oh my!

These gorgeous flowers will add beauty to our Easter Sunday services. The flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter and remember or give thanks to someone or something special in your life. You may then take them home following our 10:30am service. Alternatively, you may donate them to a local nursing home for a wonderful surprise for those who need an uplifting gift on Easter. Order forms, with the option to pay online, are available on our website (click on the Lent/Holy Week box) or scan the QR code below. The order form can also be found around the building, or in the church office. *Please fill it out and turn it into the church office along with your payment/check no later than Tuesday, April 1st.*

****Orders placed after this date are NOT guaranteed as the nursery has a limited supply****

Ways You Can Help?

We're looking for families/volunteers to take the donated flowers to a local nursing home immediately following the 10:30 Easter morning service! This is a great opportunity to spread God's love, and bring a gorgeous surprise to those who need it. You truly feel the gift of giving firsthand! If you're interested, please contact the church office!

Questions? Contact the church office
(248) 644-4010

ORDER FLOWERS HERE →



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!!!**



Kitchen Notes: Redeemer's kitchen is a blessing! We don't lock our doors because the kitchen belongs to all of us. And because the kitchen belongs to all of us, all of us have to be partners in the care and maintenance. If there are dishes in the sink, spills on the counter, dishes waiting to be put away properly in the pantry please don't wait for someone else to do it...you do it with a prayer of thanks for what we have! Please help us keep our wonderful kitchen wonderful!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

3 - MON

7p Worship

2 - TUES

9:30a Adult Bible Study
6p Women's Bible Study
6:30p Pickup Basketball

4 - WED

Ash Wednesday
7a Communion & Imposition of Ashes
9:15a Positive Parenting
12p Lenten lunch
1p Ash Wednesday Worship
6p Confirmation
6p RYG Core Group
6p Lenten Dinner
6p Confirmation Class
7p Ash Wednesday Worship
7p Lenten Kids
7:45p Chancel Choir
Lenten Rehearsal

5 - THURS

9a-8p Rummage Sale Setup
9:30a Community Bible Study
1p Chicks with Sticks
6:30p Young Adult's Bible Study
7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal
7p Titus II Bible Study

6 - FRI

9a-4p Rummage Sale Setup
6p Rummage Pre-Sale

7 - SAT

6p Rummage sale

Redeemer KAMP 2025

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

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 facilities, 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).



Welcome! Rick Lee!
Look in the March Lamp for a full bio on Rick.
Welcome to Redeemer's Music Program!

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! (pay \$100 towards a meal) LOTS of spots available!!

FAMILY OF GOD

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

March 10th - RYG cooks and serves

April 14th - RYG cooks and serves

April 30th - Positive Parenting

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

BIBLE STUDY:
First Thursday of Every Month

CHURCH LUNCHESES:
Once a Month after Church

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

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

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

March 12

April 9

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 26

May 28

COUNSELING

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 11TH, 1:00PM IN THE TOWN SQUARE**

iZōsh Birmingham Spring Event

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, April 11
Arrive at 6:45pm for Stone Voting;
Presentation starts at 7:00p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's Great Room
1800 W. Maple Road,
Birmingham, MI 48009



- ✓ Fund Micro-Loans in REAL Time
- ✓ Invite a Friend!
- ✓ Be empowered that YOU can change the world!

Guest Speaker:
Abadir M. Ibrahim

Associate Director of the Human Rights
Program (HRP) at Harvard Law School

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Join us for another Men's Ministry event as we
continue to celebrate Redeemer's 100th
Anniversary

Beer and Soft Drinks; Bad Boy Chili and Fixin's;
Games and Prizes; Center court Cornbread;

Watch the NCAA Elite 8 Regional Playoffs!
Signup in the Town Square so we can plan
accordingly

Free-will donation requested - For further
information, contact Gary Priskorn 248-644-4010
or

Jon Duff 248-214-9037

The Parsonage is at 785 Westwood Drive,
Birmingham



MARCH 30 - 3-6 PM

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:

- Thursday, March 6th: 9:00am-6:00pm

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

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@redeemberirmingham.org
) with any questions or concerns.**

Bags & Hangers NEEDED 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.



March 6, 20th, 2025

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

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!**

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!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bunco Night!

Our favorite game, with our favorite white elephant gifts, with appetizers, desserts and adult beverages all at the home of Julie Buechner on Friday, March 14 at 6:00! Yes, it's time for BUNCO – a game that requires no skill, only your presence. It's just lots of fun rolling the dice, collecting points and keeping a tally. At the end the highest score wins and so do some of the lesser scores and we give out prizes. We snack, play, talk, and have the best time. Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board. And in case you didn't know....white elephant is bringing something you don't want, never liked and can't wait to get rid of...wrapped up and some poor woman will have to go home with it. Questions? Call or email Kitty at misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org. Come on, everybody, BUNCO!

Women's Ministry Coffee Hour and "Get to Know You Sunday!" Come to coffee hour at 10:00 on Sunday, March 9 and enjoy special goodies, a prize basket for men, women and children, talk to our board members about the things we do and want you to be part of....the missions and ministry we want to grow. Come and meet the team, hang out with us and learn why we love the people we serve and the activities we do.

Join us at Women's Book Group for a discussion on "The Saints of Whistle Gove" by Katie Schuermann! After 150 years of preaching the Gospel, the little country parish of Whistle Grove has closed its doors for good, but the faithful Reverend Edmund G. Oglethorpe remains. There is the empty building and the crumbling cemetery to maintain, and who else will bury old Miriam Werth when the time comes? Told through the voices of generations past and present, "The Saints of Whistle Grove" follows the journey of a son in search of his mother, a daughter in need of connection, a family without a home, and the cemetery that brings them all together. Please join us Tuesday, March 25th at 7:30pm in the Town Square - we hope to see you there!

Woman of the Year Luncheon

Unfortunately our Woman of the Year, Erin Mortenson, is unable to attend the Council of Women's Luncheon on March 25th.

We will plan a celebration of Erin and her service at a later time. Please watch the bulletin for information. If you have already bought a ticket please check about a refund from the source. Questions? Ask Kitty!

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Friday, March 7th: Rummage Pre-Sale, 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, March 8th: Rummage Sale, 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday, March 9th:

Rummage Sale Bag Day, 12:00-2:00pm

Rummage Sale Clean-Up, 2:00-4:00pm

NO MEETING SUNDAY EVENING!

Monday March 10th: FOG, 5:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Kitchen

Sunday, March 16th:

4:00pm: Mission Trip Meeting #3

Meet in the Great Room

7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group

Meet in the Youth Room

Saturday, March 22nd-Friday, March 28th:

North Carolina Mission Trip

Sunday, March 30 - Mission Trip

Reunion 7-9pm

NO RYG THIS WEEK - HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

MARCH 23-29, 2025

Did you hear the news?! High schoolers from Redeemer are traveling to Asheville, North Carolina this March to provide hurricane disaster relief and relational ministry! RYG is partnering with Praying Pelican Missions for our fifth time! Please keep the group in your prayers as they prepare over the next several weeks for their annual Spring Break mission trip!

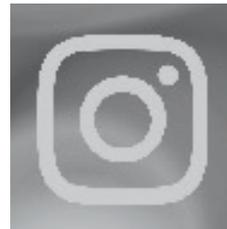
ATTEND LENTEN SERVICES

RYG meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Lenten Services at 7:00pm

March 5, 12, 19; April 2, 9

Questions? Contact Gia or Eric!



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BIBLE STUDIES

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.

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

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, 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 NEW SERIES -
"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!

Please join us as we wrap-up this wonderful study and gain a better understanding of God's loving plan for us! We will meet at **6:30pm on Tuesday March 4th in the Great Room** to conclude this study - but never fear, we will begin a **new study** for the rest of the month, meeting on **March 11th, 18th, and 25th (*at 6:00pm)**, Join us then!

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 5th:** Kitty Sweitzer - Guest Speaker
- **March 12th:** Review and Discuss "The Power Pause: How to Plan a Career Break After Kids and Come Back Stronger Than Ever"
- **March 19th:** Continue "The Power Pause" Discussion
- **March 26th:** NO CLASS - Spring Break

Please reach out to Kristin Thompson or Victoria Ilitch with any questions.

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



THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Ministry has enjoyed gathering for Bunco for years now. But we now may have to put out a "Wanted" sign as the coveted "Biggest Bunco Loser Trophy" has gone missing! Be on the lookout for a gorgeous plastic vase with cartoon cupids on it and join us for Bunco on March 14th!

Did you know! Pastor Duane Wuggazer was on our 1950's men's baseball team and was the star pitcher?! He was renowned for his blazing fast ball speeds!

Thank you to our 100th Anniversary Committee for this fun tid-bit from our history!

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST 100th Anniversary Celebratory Church Service and Congregational Luncheon

We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer leading worship that morning, and Kitty Sweitzer, with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal!

More information coming soon!

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!

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.

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.

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Madelyn Hughes, granddaughter of Marty and Patty Schmidt
- Marion Smith, mother of Helen Herrington, for successful surgery
- Dorothy
- Marilyn, friend of Ginny Schalm
- Fred and Sue, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Steve, friend of the Eley's
- Pat Nehls
- Ida Beechy, friend of the Leahys
- Missy Mazur, friend of the congregation.
- Marcie, sister of Bonnie Ernewein
- Bill, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Elaine Schultz, mother of Pam Tyndall
- Ron Ging
- A man going through legal and medical problems
- Rick & Carol Warnicke,
- George Bailey
- Pray for the lost

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.

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 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"

March 2

Leviticus 25:47-27:13
Mark 10:32-52
Psalm 45:1-17
Proverbs 10:22

March 3

Leviticus 27:14-34
Numbers 1:1-54
Mark 11:1-26
Psalm 46:1-11
Proverbs 10:23

March 4

Numbers 2:1-3:51
Mark 11:27-12:17
Psalm 47:1-9
Proverbs 10:24-25

March 5

Numbers 4:1-5:31
Mark 12:18-37
Psalm 48:1-14
Proverbs 10:26

March 6

Numbers 6:1-7:89
Mark 12:38-13:13
Psalm 49:1-20
Proverbs 10:27-28

March 7

Numbers 8:1-9:23
Mark 13:14-37
Psalm 50:1-23
Proverbs 10:29-30

March 8

Numbers 10:1-11:23
Mark 14:1-21
Psalm 51:1-19
Proverbs 10:31-32

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