

May 18, 2025  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**May 18, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Theme: The Lord's Prayer**

***As We Gather***

Prayer is hard. We get distracted. We don't know how. We feel unprepared. Then we feel guilty for not praying, but we don't know where or how to start. Sometimes, we don't even know why we pray if God is going to just do his work anyway. Today, we meet the disciples that were in the same situation. They asked Jesus how to pray! Jesus does not disappoint them, or us! He tells them an exact prayer. He even tells them where and why to pray. Remember, prayer is what Christians do because they are filled with the Holy Spirit and are a new creation. As children of the heavenly Father, we pray through Jesus because He commands us to pray and promises to hear us.

***Prayer Before Worship***

Our Father in heaven, make us holy by Your name through Your Word of Law that tells us of our sin, and Gospel that promises us Your Son and all of His gifts. Please send your Holy Spirit so that by your grace we believe your word and live holy lives. Please let your will be done among us by stopping the devil, the world and our sinful nature from carrying out their evil purposes. Please provide us with all that we need for this body and life. Please forgive our sins by covering them in the blood of Christ and help us to forgive others in the same way. Please do not let us be tempted, but guard us from all temptation of false belief and vice. Finally, dear Father in heaven, please rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation. Give us a blessed death, and bring us into eternal life. We know that these are your promises because you have taught us to pray in this way and to hear us. Let all these things happen for us. 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.**

## **Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

*(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)*

## **Opening Hymn**

Rejoice the Lord is King – Courtney

Chancel Choir; Redeemer Brass; Brian Buckmaster, timpani.

*The congregation will be asked to sing along after an extended introduction by the choir and instruments.*

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the judge shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home:  
We soon shall hear th'arch-angel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

## **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: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*

**C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

*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***

Exodus 20:22-26

*(God establishes the altar)*

And the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.'

### ***Epistle Reading***

Hebrews 4:14-16

*(Before the throne of grace)*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

### **Anthem**

Battle Hymn of the Republic - arr. Wilhousky

Chancel Choir; Redeemer Brass; Brian Buckmaster, drums

*The congregation will be asked to stand and  
join in the singing of the final refrain.*

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

*(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)*

### **Gospel Announcement**

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

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6:5-13

*(Jesus teaches how to pray)*

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Fathers throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known:  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempters snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His Word and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of care

**Sermon**

Text: Matthew 6:5-13

“The Lord’s Prayer”  
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.

## ***Voluntary***

Blessed Assurance - arr. Eithum  
Redeemer Ringers

*(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***

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love  
- arr. Geschke

Redeemer Ringers; directed by Andrew Pflieger

*(Please rise for the Benediction)*

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



## **Easter Proclamation**

**P:** *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*

**C:** **He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

## **Closing Hymn**

In the Garden

*(Favorite Hymn of Carolyn Becker, Donna Hollis, Pam Lucas,  
Judy Mammel, Myrna Orava, Rick Russ, Betsy Ukrop)*

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

### **Refrain:**

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am  
His own;*

*And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.*

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush  
their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him tho the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go - thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.  
*Refrain*

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Postlude**

Redeemer Brass

Glory, Look Away

*Sanctuary altar flowers* were placed by Paul and Jane Quasarano in memory of William Derse. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Pete and Karen Pridmore in honor of Redeemer's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All praise and glory to God! *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by the Pridmore, Deiro, and Geiger families in honor of Parker Joseph Deiro's baptism.

*Altar Guild*

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

*Ushers*

9:00 - Greg Merryman  
10:30 - Greg Merryman and Brian Fish

*Elders Assisting with Communion*

Rudy Becker Jr., Rick Russ

*Audio/Video Operators*

9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Peter Pridmore, Cindy Grove,  
David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Eric Stein  
10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, captain; Greg Bloom, Scott Kamm, Ben  
Kamm, Brian May, John Mills

*Acolyte*

10:30 - Elizabeth Reimann

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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

(248) 644-4010 / [office@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org)

May 18, 2025



SCAN FOR  
WEBSITE

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

## WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

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

## WORSHIP/COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

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

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*\*10:30am Livestreamed Service\**

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

### MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

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

## REDEEMER NURSERY

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

**NOTICE:** a few incorrect dates  
were posted in last week's  
announcements. We appreciate  
you double-checking all dates!  
Our sincere apologies!

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



Coffee Hour  
hosted by  
Children's Ministry



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

**LAST DAY** to get your tickets for 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration

**Redeemer's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – June 1, 2025**

Pastor Mark Wuggazer (a Redeemer kid, born and raised in this church) will be preaching. Immediately following the 10:30 worship service, we will celebrate with a delicious Nino Salvaggio brunch with special consideration for our children. 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. You will need a ticket (which is 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. Questions? Call or email Kitty. TODAY is the last day to reserve your tickets.

**IF YOU RESERVED TICKETS ALREADY, PLEASE PICK UP  
OUTSIDE KITTY'S OFFICE!**

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**TODAY - 7pm**

RYG Senior

Send-Off

\*Last Sunday  
night RYG of the  
school year!\*

**Come Celebrate with Us!  
Westmaple Nursery School  
Graduation**

*May 22, 2025*

*9:30am in the Sanctuary*

Kindly leave the front 20 rows  
open for families of graduates

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Kitty is in need of  
many helpers who  
will only be asked  
to serve a very  
short time-slot at  
the 100<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversary  
celebration** 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.

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**MONDAY NIGHT  
FELLOWSHIP**

**June 2 - August 25, 2025**

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

**Today is Music  
Sunday!**

Thank you to all of  
our music groups for  
your dedication,  
talent, and passion  
which enriches our  
worship experience.  
We are grateful for  
the gift of music you  
bring to Redeemer.

# A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

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

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**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.*

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## DONATION INFORMATION



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

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

## 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.

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## 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!

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## WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND WORSHIP

All are invited to join us for our final "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on **May 21**, at 12 noon in the Great Room before we break for the summer. We'll be serving a delicious meal. (*Lemon chicken piccata, Lemon orzo salad, Green beans, Baguette and butter, Dessert-Creamy lemon mousse with strawberries*) After the meal we'll move to the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. 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 at the number above, ext. 123.

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## COUNSELING SERVICES

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

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

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

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 is 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.

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## 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.**

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## REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

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

**Contact Michael Banerian for meeting dates!**

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***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.***



## BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAYS

**New Member Class** - Laura Vowell  
(Sermon Series and 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

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

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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 final meeting will be on **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Great Room** before we break for the summer. We hope you'll join us.

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## POSITIVE PARENTING

**Meetings will break for the summer and reconvene after Labor Day.**

We meet 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 in the fall!

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



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## 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.***

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## SUMMER JAMS & RYG

ALL  LONG

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG!** It starts on Wednesday 6/25 and continues each week throughout the summer – **NO COST!** Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go in the Gym to play games and RYG will go to the Youth Room for Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at the same time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

**JAMS & RYG go to Cedar Point!** Students going into grades 6-12 are invited for a day of fun on the roller coasters of Cedar Point on **Wednesday, August 13th!** The cost is \$65 and includes admission, travel to & from park, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's Office, Laura's Office, or download one from the church website. Forms & money are due on Sunday 7/27 – **LIMITED QUANTITY OF SPOTS available!** Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.



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**ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**

# 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](mailto: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.**



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.



**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.



All 2025 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!

**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:**

- Sunday, April 27th: Ten Commandments
- Sunday, May 5th: Apostles Creed
- Sunday, May 18th: The Lord's Prayer
- Sunday, May 25th: Baptism
- Sunday, June 8th: The Lord's Supper
- Sunday, June 15th: Confession and Absolution

**WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME  
YOU TO  
THE REDEEMER FAMILY!**

*\*New member paperwork will be collected this spring and summer. All spring new members will be recognized during next fall's New Member Brunch.\**



## MINISTRIES AT WORK

### CHICKS WITH STICKS

We are on break for the summer now but that doesn't mean you need to stop knitting and crocheting. We have lots of yarn in the Trinity Room. We will be checking the yarn supply throughout the summer and we will replenish the boxes of yarn as space becomes available. Stop by often to see what new yarn entices you. I hope you can knit/crochet all summer so that we have a nice big pile of hats and scarves to donate to both men AND women next November to our less fortunate neighbors in Detroit. Thank you for serving Jesus through your knitting and crocheting!



### 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 ([redemerkamp@gmail.com](mailto:redemerkamp@gmail.com)).

### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group meets 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!

#### NOTE NEW DATES ON THESE EVENTS!

#### Men's Golf and Barbecue

Wednesday, August 20

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 7  
2:00-6:00pm  
*\*Open to All\**  
*Hosted by Prime  
Timers Group*





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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### 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!

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#### 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!***

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#### 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.

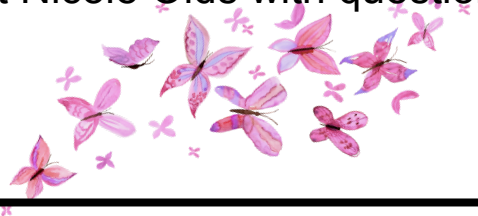
**Join us May 21st at 6:30pm in the Great Room.**

Contact Nicole Olds with questions.

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#### 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.



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#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Summer Sunday School will start June 22nd. 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.

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## SIXTH ANNUAL USHER AND ELDERS PARTY!

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

### PLEASE JOIN US!

**Sunday, August 10th 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!

In honor of the baptism of **Parker Joseph Deiro**, a \$50 donation in his name has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or [carenetberkley.com](http://carenetberkley.com). Also, by the generous donation in memory of Rosa Stauffer, a few drops of water from the Jordan River have been added to the baptismal water.

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

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.

If you would like to ready the story of our chandelier, written by Brenda, please email the church office at [office@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

### 19 MON

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

### 20 TUES

9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball  
6:30p Women's Bible Study

### 21 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study  
12p Wednesday Lunch & Worship  
6p RYG Core Group  
6:30p VBS Decoration  
Crafting Night  
6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 22 THURS

9:30a Westmaple Graduation  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

### 23 FRI

### 24 SAT



## 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 18

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29  
John 10:1-21  
Psalm 115:1-18  
Proverbs 15:18-19

### May 19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44  
John 10:22-42  
Psalm 116:1-19  
Proverbs 15:20-21

### May 20

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25  
John 11:1-54  
Psalm 117:1-2  
Proverbs 15:22-23

### May 21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13  
John 11:55-12:19  
Psalm 118:1-18  
Proverbs 15:24-26

### May 22

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11  
John 12:20-50  
Psalm 118:19-29  
Proverbs 15:27-28

### May 23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39  
John 13:1-30  
Psalm 119:1-16  
Proverbs 15:29-30

### May 24

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23  
John 13:31-14:14  
Psalm 119:17-32  
Proverbs 15:31-32



## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

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

- For the family and friends of Leslie Toth, who was called to her heavenly home. Her memorial service was yesterday, May 17.

### For those with health concerns:

- Elfie Rose
- Perry Greene
- Bev Yocum
- Janet, friend of Debi & Donna Hollis
- Bib, friend of Bruce Helmke
- Missy Mazur
- Asia Maeder
- Pat Nehls
- Ryder Finkel, friend of the Calvaneso's
- Sue Zimmerman
- Terry Roberts
- Sue Sack
- Amy Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Elaine Schultz, mother of Pam Tyndall

### 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
- For the baptism of Parker Joseph Deiro, daughter of Chris and Sara Deiro who was baptized this yesterday, May 17. We welcome Parker into God's family.

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