

The Temptation of CHRIST



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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 9, 2025 – 9:00a.m./10:30a.m.
First Sunday in Lent
Theme: The Temptation of Christ

As We Gather

There are many temptations that we sadly fall into because our flesh is naturally weak, but we have a God who will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear; He will provide a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13). We can therefore be victorious and then will thank the Lord for deliverance from temptation. Jesus' experience in the desert helps us to see these common temptations that keep us from serving God effectively

Lenten Observance

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

Prayer Before Worship

God, please give me a clean heart and a pure mind. With an unclean heart and an impure mind, I cannot resist temptation. I can only resist temptation if my heart is clean and my mind is pure. So, please give me these things. Thank you that I can trust that you will give me these things because you want what's best for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

*Sponsored by Susan Semlow in celebration of my husband Ron's
belated birthday, on March 2*

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 339

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-6

(Offerings of First Fruits and Tithes)

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8–13

(The Message of Salvation to All)

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Verse

R: *Put on the full armor of God*

C: **So that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.**

(Ephesians 6:11)

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1–13

(The Temptation of Jesus)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written: “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a

stone.” Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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 657

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.
3. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the Nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Sermon

Text: Luke 4:1-13

“Avoid Temptation, Unless You Can’t Resist”

Rev. James H. Greenwalt

(Please rise for the Offertory)

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(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 - 9:00am

My Tribute – Crouch

Alison Ristovski, vocalist

Voluntary – 10:30am

Keep Your Children – arr. Forman

Chancel Choir, with Quartet of Sophie Kamm,
Ellery Kamm, Meara SeGraves, and Nora Springer.

(Please rise for the Doxology)

Doxology Hymn 441

We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

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 and Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 451

Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus

*(Favorite hymn of Andrea Schlak, Ronald Beyer, Pat Raezler, Tom Gray,
Bonnie Moore, Myrna Orava, Donna Hollis)*

1. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next, the victors song.
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Les and Polly Millichamp in loving memory of John D. Millichamp for his birthday on March 6. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Bonnie Ernewein and family in loving memory of Bob Ernewein. *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Susan Hudson in loving memory of her dad, William Schlauch.

Altar Guild

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

Acolytes

9:00 - Joey LaLone, Nick Springer
10:30 - Caleb Hurst

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann,
Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker
10:30 - Family Ushers

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - David Hamada
10:30 - Mike Lapinski, David Kiehle

Reader

9:00 - Mike Dundas
10:30 - Sharon Tylenda

Greeters

10:30 - The Kiriluk family

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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

March 9, 2025



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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**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

8:30a Coffee Hour-Women's
Ministry Sponsor

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

12p Rummage Bag Sale

2p Rummage Sale Clean Up

2:30p JAMS Power Hour and Game
Night

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



*Daylight
Savings Time
Begins*
SPRING
FORWARD

Women's Ministry
HOSTS Coffee
Hour
today

The Call Committee has received a call list from the Michigan District. The call committee will begin the process of review!



March 12, 2025

Lunch: Squash soup, Michigan salad, Cornbread, Pistachio ice cream with Chocolate chip cookies

Sponsored by: Ginny Schalm, Cheryl Schiller, Janice Kanka and Sharon Zimmer

Dinner: An Italian Medley: Penne Arrabbiata, Fettuccini Alfredo w/Chicken, Lemon Risotto, Buttered Pasta, Garlic toast, Salad and Dessert

Sponsored by: Michele Margosian

SHOP AT THE RUMMAGE BAG SALE - TODAY

12:00 - 2:00pm \$5/bag of clothing and accessories
+ HALF-OFF all other items!

HELP WITH CLEAN UP

Join us for "POWER HOUR" to help bag and box unsold items for Goodwill and clean-up the rooms used for the sale!

JAMS Power Hour & Game Night! TODAY – 2:30pm to 6pm

All middle schoolers (& their families!) are invited to help clean-up the rooms from the rummage sale and then, have some well deserved FUN!

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 **TODAY!!**. Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberbirmingham.org) with questions.

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 **March 16, 23.*** Ages 7 and up are welcome! Contact nancylesinski@gmail.com with any questions.

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!

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.

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.

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

**Palm Cross Workshop
April 11th**

More Details coming soon!

**Palm Sunday Worship and
Children's
Palm Parade-April 13**

SEASON OF LENT 2025 - WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 12 - Matthew 5:4

Those who Mourn

March 19 - Matthew 5:5

The Meek

March 26 - Matthew 5:6

The Hungry and Thirsty

April 2 - Matthew 5:7

The Merciful

April 9 - Matthew 5:8

Clean of Heart

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Each worship service is preceded by a meal:

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

HOLY WEEK 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**

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

BY APRIL 1

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 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 →



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

10 - MON

5p RYG Family of God
7p Worship

11 - TUES

9:30a Tuesday
Morning Bible Study
1p Pathways
6:30p Redeemer
Pickup Basketball
6:30p Women's
Bible Study

12 - WED

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

13 - THURS

9:30a Community Bible
Study
1p Concert -The
Birmingham Musicale
Choral Ensemble
6:30p Redeemer Pickup
Basketball
7p Redeemer Ringers
Rehearsal

14 - FRI

Westmaple
100th
Day Party

15 - SAT

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

**MONTHLY
SOCIALS AND
OUTINGS**

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

**CHURCH
LUNCHES:**
Once a Month
after Church

iZōsh Birmingham Spring Event

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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- ✓ 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

Sign up TODAY with QR code
or in the Town Square



Learn More



Contact Us

ish.birmingham@gmail.com



Visit Our Website:

www.lcr.church/izosh

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



March 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!**

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

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



Join us this summer when we take a closer look at God's awesome creation to discover how big and powerful He really is! ***Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for exciting updates on registration and how you can help!*** We need kids from 3 to 99 to join us - you are never too old to come to VBS!

★CABARET DINNER

Saturday, April 26th at 7:00pm Come for a great show and enjoy a delicious Italian-themed dinner, silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle!

A minimum donation of \$20.00 per-person is requested or reserve a full table (8 people maximum) for a minimum donation of \$160.00. Reserved seating tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting **Sally Flayer (248.613-2623 saflayer@comcast.net)**. Reserved seats will be sold on a first come first served basis. If the event sells out, there will not be at-the-door sales.

Please order your tickets early - we hope you'll join us!

When making your reservation, please indicate any special dietary requirements.

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**

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!

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

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

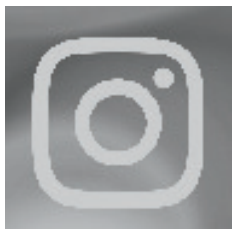
Meet in the Youth Room

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!



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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!

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!

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

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

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

Please join us **in the Great Room** as we 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 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

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?

For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248.320.5100, our Redeemer Representative.

Updated Interest Rate sheets for March are available around the building.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

March 12
April 9

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 26
May 28





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, Guest Preacher that morning, and Kitty Sweitzer, with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal!

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.

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!***

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 mourning the loss of a loved one:

- For the family and friends of Kathryn Mather, who was called to her heavenly home. Her memorial was at Redeemer this past Thursday.
- For the family and friends of William Schlauch, who was called to his heavenly home. His memorial was at Redeemer this past Saturday.

For those with health concerns:

- Andrew Bergstrom who is having heart surgery
- Stasi, friend of Andrea Calvaneso
- Madelyn Hughes, granddaughter of Marty and Patty Schmidt
- Marion Smith, mother of Helen Herrington, who is having surgery
- Dorothy
- Marilyn, friend of Ginny Schalm
- Fred and Sue, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Steve, friend of the Eley's
- Pat Nehls.
- Marcie, sister of Bonnie Ernewein
- Bill, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- Tom Gray
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation
- Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis
- Jim Zeer, friend of Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- President Trump and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

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 9

Numbers 11:24-13:33
Mark 14:22-52
Psalm 52:1-9
Proverbs 11:1-3

March 10

Numbers 14:1-15:16
Mark 14:53-72
Psalm 53:1-6
Proverbs 11:4

March 11

Numbers 15:17-16:40
Mark 15:1-47
Psalm 54:1-7
Proverbs 11:5-6

March 15

Numbers 22:21-23:30

March 12

Numbers 16:41-18:32
Mark 16:1-20
Psalm 55:1-23
Proverbs 11:7

March 13

Numbers 19:1-20:29
Luke 1:1-25
Psalm 56:1-13
Proverbs 11:8

March 14

Numbers 21:1-22:20
Luke 1:26-56
Psalm 57:1-11
Proverbs 11:9-11

Luke 1:57-80
Psalm 58:1-11
Proverbs 11:12-13

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