



EVERYONE NEEDS A
SCAPEGOAT

October 5, 2025
9:00am / 10:30am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 5, 2025 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: Forgiveness

As We Gather

The Jewish leaders condemned Jesus, and He – burdened with the sins of all mankind – was led out of the city to be crucified: “He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins – and not only our sins but the sins of the world.” (1 John 2:2)

Prayer Before Worship

Dear Heavenly Father, We come to you today asking to meet with you. We know that you are here because you are always with us. Nevertheless, we ask that you show your presence to each person here in a unique, personal, heart-stirring way. In Psalm 42:2, the psalmist says, “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Lord, we too have a thirst for you and desire to meet with you in this time of worship. We pray that your Holy Spirit will move among us as we gather together in your name. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word, to hear your voice, and to experience your presence. Fill us with joy as we meet with you. Show us your glory and splendor. Open the eyes of our hearts to know you more and delight in you. May this time of worship be a time of encounter with you, our living God. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

Happy 4th Birthday to our sweet Charlotte!

(Sponsored by Emily and Jacob Imhoff)

Opening Hymn 339

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow’r 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 for Holy Communion

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

C: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30am

(Following the Baptism, our worship continues with the Children's Message)

Child: Shae Katherine Tobar

Parents: Darby and Michael Tobar

Sponsors: Ally Altschuler and Alex Tobar

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 deserved 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. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 23:26-32

(Day of Atonement)

The Lord said to Moses, "The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present

a food offering to the Lord. Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God. Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people. I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on that day. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. It is a day of sabbath rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath.”

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:23-26

(Our Atonement)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:45-54

(The Death of Christ)

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith - 9:00am

The Nicene Creed

(10:30am service will continue with the Sermon Hymn;

Confession of Faith was made during the baptismal liturgy.)

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.

Sermon Hymn

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Gods praise than when we'd first begun.

Sermon

Text: Matthew 27:45-54

"Yom Kippur"

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

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.

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 Red Hymnal
and the Psalms beginning on page 123.*

Voluntary

I Go to the Rock – Rambo, arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir

Alison Ristovski, *Solo*; Greg Wiepert, *Bass*; Brian Buckmaster, *Drums*

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

Confession and Absolution - 10:30am

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.

Celebration 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, raise your pointer finger.

Communion Anthem

I Go to the Rock – Rambo, arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir

Alison Ristovski, Solo; Greg Wiepert, Bass; Brian Buckmaster, Drums

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 388

Just As I Am, Without One Plea
(Favorite Hymn of David Pflieger and Kristen Rolf)

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, Organist

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Sanctuary Lectern Flowers are given by Beth Lanthier in thankfulness for Redeemer's 100th Anniversary! *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed by Kathy and Tom Eley in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Altar Guild

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

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - Greg Merryman
10:30am - Greg Merryman and David Hardoin

Acolyte and Crossbearer

9:00am - Landon Kerr
10:30am - Ellery Kamm, Mikey Kamm, and Sophie Kamm

Elders Assisting with Communion

9:00am - Ron Curcio and Eric Stein
10:30am - Ron Curcio, David Mammel, and Eric Stein

Greeters

9:00am - Julie Nummer, and The Amos Family
10:30am - Beth Lanthier and Katre Klow

Readers

9:00am & 10:30am - Pam Dundas

Ushers

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

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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

October 5, 2025



**SCAN FOR
WEBSITE**

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

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

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

WORSHIP/COMMUNION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am - Sanctuary

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

10:30am Livestreamed Service

Go to www.redeemberbirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

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

REDEEMER NURSERY

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

HAPPENING TODAY

**Our Young Adults Group meets
today after 10:30am worship!**

**Join us in the Great Room at
11:30am for lunch and fellowship!**

**Wishing Pastor Randy a
joyful birthday filled
with peace and the
presence of the Lord -
your faithfulness
inspires us all!**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



ATTENTION PLEASE!

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 during worship.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors



ALL SAINTS DAY



In keeping with an old All Saint's Day tradition, during our worship services on November 2nd and 3rd we will remember the following people who were born to the Church Triumphant in the past year.

Corinne M. Breer, Joanne M. Evans, Dorothy E. Evans, Rev. Ronald R. Farah, Joseph L. Flack, Jr., Rocco J. Grove, Elizabeth E. Hamada, Emily N. Hilborn-Smith, Carolyn P. Lindow, Dolores M. Loucks, John E. Lychuk, Hans G. Maser, Kathryn E. Mather, Thomas J. and Marie Miller, Jacqueline Peters, Elfrieda S. Rose, William J. Schlauch, Elaine Schultz, Ingrid Sierverts, Stacey A. Tikkanen, Leslie F. Toth, Harrietta (Etta) Unruh

***PLEASE NOTE:** During the service, there will be a time for anyone who wishes to come to the altar to light a candle to memorialize a loved one.

NOMINATIONS FOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR

DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Please consider writing a letter in praise of someone you think embodies all the elements - tireless dedication to her family, church and community, a loving servant of others, and a wonderful example of faith in action. **Send your nomination to Kitty, and our staff will discuss and vote.** Every woman nominated is worthy of this recognition, as well as those who are not. We are indeed blessed at Redeemer with an amazing group of women who serve selflessly, and this decision is always a difficult one. We will announce our selection at Advent by Candlelight, and our 2025 Woman of the Year will be honored at a luncheon in March through The Council of Lutheran Women. **Questions? Ask Kitty.**

REDEEMER IS HIRING!

REDEEMER IS LOOKING FOR A NEW OFFICE COORDINATOR!

We are looking for a creative, fun, tech-savvy individual to join the Church Office team on a part-time basis (approximately 25-hours/week). This individual must be personable, compassionate, and have a heart to serve, while also being driven, well-organized, have the ability to multi-task, and think critically. Past office experience is helpful but not mandatory; past design and/or social media experience is a plus; computer experience is required. Onboarding and training offered while also learning through hands-on experience. **If you or someone you know might be a good fit for this position, please contact Pastor Randy or Rose Kiehle in the Church Office!**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

6 MON

9:15a Mom's Day Out
7p Worship
7:30p Al Anon
7:30p Love of Life

7 TUES

9:15a Mom's Day Out
9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30p Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

8 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:15a Mom's Day Out
9:15a Positive Parenting
6p RYG Core Group
6p Acolyte and Cross Bearing Training
6p Confirmation
6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15p Leadership Team Meeting

9 THURS

9:15a Mom's Day Out
9:30a Women's Community Bible Study
1p The Birmingham Musicales Concert
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

10 FRI

9:15a Mom's Day Out
5:30p JAMS Game Night

11 SAT



A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

Communion: If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and we will be sure to accommodate your request.

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



Our Sanctuary Has A Hearing Loop To Assist Those With Hearing Loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil.

Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.

DONATION INFORMATION



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

HOST A COFFEE HOUR



Grab your family or friends and HOST a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just HOST for FUN! We have clear instructions and someone who can help you through the process! Sign-up on the Coffee Hour Sign-Up under the Ways to Serve option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

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

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, which made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone! **For more information call Curtis Burstein, our Redeemer representative, at 248.320.5100.**

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

HOLY BAPTISM

In honor of the baptism of **Shae Katherine Tobar**, a \$50 donation in her 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. 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

We have a new vendor for Altar flowers, so come take a look! Tiffany Florist is taking the reins. 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 sign-up online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.



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.

OUR "BEACON OF HOPE"

Did you know that our Sanctuary chandelier will be lit all-day - **EVERY day!** - for our entire 100th Anniversary Celebration?! Tom and Brenda Boyce have graciously sponsored the lighting of our beautiful chandelier in loving memory of their son, John, and all other children who are now held in the arms of Jesus in their heavenly home. If you would like to read the story of our chandelier, written by Brenda, email the Church Office.

COUNSELING SERVICES

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

Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248.568.6040

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

October 8

November 12

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

December 3

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Fall New Member Class - Laura Vowell
9:00-10:00am - Great Room - ***Begins October 12th***

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - Kyle Chuhran
10:00am (after 9:00am worship) - Scheidt Room
Book of Hebrews

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds
During 10:30am Worship - Lower-Level

Redeemer Youth Group (RYG - High School)
Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski
7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

TUESDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy
9:30am - Great Room (**Zoom Available**)
Apocrypha

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer
6:30pm - Great Room (**4th Tuesday - 6:00pm**)
The Chosen, Season 5

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn
All-Year - 6:45-7:30am - Great Room
Book of Genesis (**Zoom Available**)

Positive Parenting - Victoria Ilitch
9:15-10:45am - Great Room
Childcare Available

Confirmation Classes (6th, 7th, 8th Grade) - Laura Vowell
6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms

RYG Core Group (High School)
Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski
7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

THURSDAYS

Women's Community Bible Study - Andrea Schlak
9:30-11:00am - Great Room
The Sermon on the Mount

Young Adults
6:30-8:00pm - First Thursday of Every Month

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

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

Contact the Church Office to learn more!

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

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES!

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life victories and challenges.

Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom. As we move into Fall, we will continue to study the book of Genesis. In addition to our study and great fellowship among the guys, we enjoy some delicious goodies, juice, and coffee. Contact Gary Priskorn with any questions or for the Zoom information. We hope you'll join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Jesus speaks the words, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem," after he sees the temple in extraordinary disarray. He is dismayed and angry that his people have not listened nor learned from him, and he sits in the candlelight preparing to challenge those who are responsible for the damage and disrespect he sees everywhere he looks. The Son of God, The Messiah, The Chosen One will take on the Pharisees, the moneylenders, and sadly those who waited for the King to ride into Jerusalem to 'rescue them from the Romans. **Season Five of 'The Chosen'** is underway where we witness the last days of Christ. **Please walk with us as we experience this one-of-a-kind story together - we'll see you Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30pm!**

POSITIVE PARENTING!

Join us for Positive Parenting, Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting ideas and strategies. Throughout the school year, we meet to further our spiritual growth, expand our understanding of parenting philosophies, and find strength in the community of other women. Childcare is provided for children ages 0-4 in the nursery. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us as you can, no need to sign-up in advance!

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 8th when guest speakers, Pat Raezler and Sandy Pourcho, will lead a 2-part series called "Faith, Not Fear" - we'll see you in the Great Room at 9:15am!

Please contact Victoria Ilitch with any questions or for more information. We hope you'll join us - see you there! (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com)

MEN'S MINISTRY

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST!



**NEW
UPDATE**

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!

The Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by Men's Ministry, is moving to Saturday, October 25th in the Great Room!

All are invited to join us for a hearty breakfast served at 8:00am with the program beginning at 8:45am. We are pleased to host our special guest presenter **Frank Tanana**, former Detroit Tiger pitcher, who will not only share about his professional baseball career but also his faith walk and the role of Christ in his life! It promises to be an interesting, motivating, and inspirational morning! Please join us!

Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board.
Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

JAMS (JESUS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLERS)

Dodgeball! Aliens in the Church! Pizza! Ice Cream Sundaes! AND MORE!!

Don't miss out on all the fun with your friends! **Middle School kids in grades 6-8 are invited to the JAMS Game Night this Friday, October 10th from 5:30-8:30pm!** Friends are always welcome! The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door! Grab a permission slip from outside Laura's office or download one via the church website. Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions or concerns.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

HARVEST HOUSE HOP!

Looking for happy hosts and hostesses for our Harvest House Hop on Friday, October 17th! We need one host for happy hour, 5 dinner hosts, and one host for dessert.

Happy Hour Host provides cocktails, mocktails, and pop – guests bring appetizers.

Dinner Hosts provide a main course – guests bring salad and rolls.

Dessert Host provides hummers – guests and event leaders provide desserts.

This is a great way to get to know people, have fun, have dinner, and share the evening.

Call Kitty for more details and be the first to host at your home!

COST IS \$25.00 PER COUPLE

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



CHICKS WITH STICKS

Get those knitting needles ready - Chicks with Sticks now meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month! As the leaves start to turn as we settle into autumn, we're excited to cozy up together to knit and crochet wonderful pieces for the homeless of Oakland and Wayne Counties. We will gather again on **Thursday, October 16th at 1:00pm in the Library** to continue another wonderful year together!

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30pm in the Town Square to discuss "8 Miraculous Months in the Malayan Jungle: A WWII Pilot's True Story of Faith, Courage, and Survival" by Donald Humphrey II. On January 11, 1945, Major Donald J. Humphrey had his B-29 Superfortress directed at Singapore Island. After navigating the 1900-mile trip from India through dangerous weather, they had just successfully bombed their target. And that's when Japanese Zeroes shot off the wing and sent the mighty aircraft death-spiraling into the Malayan jungle. Jumping to safety, Humphrey and a few of his remaining crewmates found themselves lost in the middle of occupied territory. Enduring vicious crocodiles, deadly snakes, and crippling malaria, the Americans battled just to stay alive. And though they made contact with Malayan resistance fighters, they could never be sure their benefactors weren't pulling them even deeper into danger... If you like World War II heroes, incredible stories of courage, and inspirational reads, then you'll love Donald "DJ" Humphrey II's captivating biography of his father.

***** **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT SIGN-UP**

It's that time of year when the world falls in love - every song you hear seems to say, "Merry Christmas..." and we are already planning for you and your friends and family to join us in an amazing God-filled evening as we move into the season of Advent together.

Sign-up for a table on Sunday, October 19th at 7:30am in the Town Square and Library.

When you arrive, you'll sign-in on the clipboard and then, when your name is called, come into the Library to join your ABC team and pick your table. You may proxy for one friend. Tables go fast so don't wait to sign-up. Don't know what, why, how or what-to-do? We have a brochure that answers all your questions in the box outside Miss Kitty's office. You can do it, and you will be so glad you did!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THIRD GRADE BIBLES!



Attention all 3rd graders - it's finally your turn to receive your very own Bible! We will have a class for parent(s) and 3rd graders on Sunday, October 26th at 9:00am in the Scheidt Rooms.

We then invite you to attend the 10:30am service to have the Bibles blessed and celebrate Reformation Sunday. The kids will get to use their Bibles during Sunday School, too!

If you haven't gotten an email about the event, please contact Nicole Olds.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School runs during the 10:30am worship service every Sunday. If you have a child who is now 3 or you are new to Redeemer, please reach out to **Nicole Olds** so you can be added to our email list. The more kids the better!!

Are you interested in teaching Sunday School? You do not need to be a Bible scholar - just have a love for God and a love for kids! Everything is provided to create a fun morning of fellowship and growing in God's Word. I am looking for Kindergarten, 1st/2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade teachers, so you can even pick your favorite age group! NOTE: You would not be teaching every week unless you want to - our typical rotation is 5-weeks of teaching and then 10-weeks off, teaching 2-3 rotations throughout the year.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE FOR SHINE THE LIGHT NIGHT!

Families with kids of all ages are invited to our Halloween event, Shine the Light Night! Join us on **Sunday, October 26th from 3:00-5:00pm** for a fun afternoon of trick or treating around the church, photo-ops in costume, yummy snacks/treats, dancing, and a charity project.

MORE INFORMATION COMING NEXT WEEK!



FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer... now you can! Join us for our New Member Classes! **Our New Member Classes start next Sunday, October 12th and will run for 4-weeks on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am.** We will end with a yummy New Member Brunch on Sunday, November 9th! Come join us! **Contact Laura Vowell** with questions or for more information.

Childcare is available at that time in the nursery for ages 0-3. If you need care for older children, please let Laura know and she'll arrange it!

REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

WELCOME TO RYG!
ARE YOU A NEW CONFIRMAND OF REDEEMER? DID YOU START HIGH SCHOOL THIS FALL? WELCOME TO RYG - WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!



BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT!

Join us tonight in the Youth Room for Bible Study from 7:00-9:00pm - friends are always welcome!

REMINDER: RETREAT PERMISSION SLIPS DUE - BE SURE TO BRING YOURS TONIGHT!



HAVE A PING PONG TABLE COLLECTING DUST?



Youth Group is looking for an upgrade - ideally one with wheels! We'll even come pick it up from you, it's a win-win! Please text Gia with pictures at 248-520-6407. Thank you!

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- **October 5th: Bible Study, 7:00-9:00pm**
- **October 12th: Pumpkin Carving, 7:00-9:00pm**
- **October 13th: Serving for FOG, 5:00-8:00pm**
Meet in the Kitchen
- **October 17th-19th: Fall Retreat, Camp Skyline**
No Sunday Night Youth Group!
- **October 26th: Murder Mystery, 7:00-9:00pm**

Core Group - Every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00pm



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

JOIN US FOR THE "4 GS!" GOURMET, GRUB, GAMES, AND GAB!

Thank you to everyone who came to our first get-together of the "4 Gs!" **Join us at our gathering for Oktoberfest on Wednesday, October 15th!**

"Gourmet Grub" includes beer cheese soup, brats, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, glazed carrots, and apple strudel for dessert! We'll follow-up lunch with a few rounds of the **dice game 'HEARTS.'**

Meet in the Great Room at 12:00pm on October 15th for lunch - see you there!



SHOTS WITH PASTOR JIMMY!

No not those kind of shots...
Come out to Bald Mountain for skeet shooting on Friday, October 24th at 1:30pm (weather permitting)!

Cost will be approximately \$50.00 per person, and we will use one of their sporting clay ranges. You can rent a golf cart to navigate the course; bring your own shotgun and shells (guns can be rented and shells can be purchased on-site, if needed). **Please see Pastor Jimmy or Ron Curcio with questions.** (Bald Mountain: 2500 Kern Road - Lake Orion)

SHAKING WITH THE SPIRIT! MOCKTAIL HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR!

Come and join the Social Ministry on **Friday, November 21st** for fellowship and learning how to make mocktails - perfect before the holidays! Doors open at **6:00pm** - bring an appetizer or dessert to share! **See Pastor Jimmy with any questions.**



SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR OCTOBER'S "4 Gs," SKEET SHOOTING, AND MOCKTAILS CAN ALL BE FOUND ON THE TOWN SQUARE BULLETIN BOARD.

THE REDEEMER BRASS OKTOBERFEST BAND IS BACK IN ACTION!



Come out for some Oktoberfest fun and support the Redeemer Brass! **Our next performance will be on Saturday, October 11 at the Kuhnhehn Brewery (Warren Location) from 5:00-8:00pm.** We hope to see you there! See Pastor Jimmy with any questions.



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

October 5

Jeremiah 4:19-6:15
Colossians 1:18-2:7
Psalm 77:1-20
Proverbs 24:23-25

October 6

Jeremiah 6:16-8:7
Colossians 2:8-23
Psalm 78:1-31
Proverbs 24:26

October 7

Jeremiah 8:8-9:26
Colossians 3:1-17
Psalm 78:32-55
Proverbs 24:27

October 8

Jeremiah 10:1-11:23
Colossians 3:18-4:18
Psalm 78:56-72
Proverbs 24:28-29

October 9

Jeremiah 12:1-14:10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8
Psalm 79:1-13
Proverbs 24:30-34

October 10

Jeremiah 14:11-16:15
1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13
Psalm 80:1-19
Proverbs 25:1-5

October 11

Jeremiah 16:16-18:23
1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3
Psalm 81:1-16
Proverbs 25:6-8

STAFFING CHANGES AT REDEEMER

THANK YOU FRED!



After 11 years of dedication and service, our beloved Fred is retiring. We thank him for the countless ways he has blessed all of us at Redeemer, and we wish him a happy, healthy, and joyful retirement!

WELCOME CONNER!

We are excited to welcome Conner, who is joining the Redeemer Family to help maintain and care for our beautiful building! Please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see him around the building!



ADDITIONALLY...

Pastor Jimmy will be taking on the new role of Pastor of Adult Social Ministry. This new role will encompass some Men's Ministry events while adding on some Fellowship activities for all adults. Miss Kitty will remain as Director of Women's Ministry. The usual Men's Ministry activities such as Bocce Ball, and Men's Golf and Barbeque will continue under Pastor Jimmy. Pastor Jimmy has some new activities planned as well, including the "4 Gs," October skeet shooting at Bald Mountain, a November mocktail social event, future events at Top Golf, and possibly some pickleball training events. Stay tuned for more information!

Gary Priskorn will continue his love of teaching with Men's Adult Bible study. He will also focus on our Shut-in Ministry and give our seniors the additional attention they need, including the much needed visits our shut-ins always cherish.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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 alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know beforehand...

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

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

Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!
Wednesday, November 5th





100TH ANNIVERSARY

THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING WEST MAPLE NURSERY SCHOOL!

Kitty remembers starting at Westmaple in 1979 as an assistant to Beth Hoffman and Bonnie Meisel. Her first paycheck was \$56.00 for the month. Kitty went right out and bought a little rabbit sculpture! Kitty has loved every child and every minute of her time at Westmaple!



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS LOCATED IN THE TOWN SQUARE!**

We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change every month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer. ***This month we are celebrating Fellowship.***

REQUEST FROM THE HOLY HISTORY COMMITTEE...

If anyone has black, silver, gold, or nice wooden picture frames that they would like to donate to the History Committee, it would be very helpful! Sizes needed are 5X7, 8X10, and 11X14. A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off. Thank you!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE "GRATE-FALL" FUN FEST!**

Save the Date

"Grate-Fall" Fun Fest

Redeemer is "grateful" for 100 years
of community connection.

Friday, Nov. 7, 5:30 pm

FREE Festivities & Concert

Please invite your neighbors & friends

5:30pm: Children's Carnival Games
6:00pm: Hot Dog Dinner
7:00pm: Detroit Youth Choir

Free Concert
As seen on "America's Got Talent"

8:00pm: Cookie Afterglow

There is no charge for any event.
Free will offerings gladly accepted to defray costs.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **VOLUNTEER AT REDEEMER'S "GRATE-FALL" FUN FEST!**

**Join the fun on Friday, November 7th for a
fun night of fellowship for all ages!**

Things kick-off at 5:30pm with Kids Carnival Games, followed by 6:00pm Hot Dog Dinner, and a 7:00pm Concert performed by Detroit Youth Choir (YES, as seen on America's Got Talent!), and a 8:00pm Cookie Afterglow.

The entire evening is FREE but we need helping hands to make this night possible! Here are ways to help...!

- 1) **Grab a hand off the giving tree in the Town Square** to bring in a food or monetary donation.
- 2) **Volunteer to create Carnival Game, COLOR MATCH:** Table is filled with many small, plastic bowls of different colors; kids throw ping pong or similar balls into the table trying to match 2 of the same color bowls.
Volunteer to create Carnival Game, MAKE 3 POP CORN: 3 popcorn bowls at the end of the table; kids throw 3 'popcorn' balls and get all 3 into the bowls to win. **Contact Andrea Calvaneso to discuss details!** (AECalvaneso@gmail.com)
- 3) **We need to borrow:** (1) plastic kiddie golf putter; (2) Junior Golf Putters; (2) Mini Nerf Footballs. **Contact Andrea Calvaneso if you have one to loan!**
- 4) **Volunteer to be a Greeter** that evening to welcome the community into our building. Various shifts available. **Contact Crissy Bienkowski to sign-up!** (crissybienkowski@gmail.com)
- 4) **Volunteer to be a "Carnie Worker"** by running one of the 15+ Carnival Games. Shift is 5:00-6:45pm, so you still have time to grab dinner and enjoy the concert! **Contact Heather Calvaneso to sign-up!** (HCalvaneso@gmail.com)
- 4) **Join our Host Committee** by committing to attend and to bring guests/neighbors! Sign-up will begin October 5th or **contact Rosemary Ricelli Scheidt** (RRicelliScheidt@gmail.com)!

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

For those with health concerns:

- Cameron
- Grace
- Bob Smith
- Carol and Joe Carli, sister and brother-in-law of Lili Camden
- Betsy Ukrop
- Bernie, friend of Michele Ostrander
- Leanna Bush
- Jan Hoge
- Max
- Pat Nehls
- Sue Sack
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Grace Walworth

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police, and firefighters.
- For 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 Shae Katherine Tobar, daughter of Darby and Michael Tobar, who was baptized this morning. We welcome Shae into God's family.

Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.

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