

What Child is This?



January 2, 2022
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP: January 2, 2022 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Theme: The Wisdom of God

As We Gather

Luke 2:20-52 is the only story in the gospels about Jesus between His infancy and His public ministry as an adult. It seems He is failing to obey His parents, and they seem disappointed in Jesus. Some scholars would argue that this is a made up story created by the early church to fill in some of the gaps concerning the life of Jesus. What do we say of that claim?

Prayer Before Worship

Father, we can see in Jesus the same tension that we sometimes feel to follow your call as well as to please the important people in our lives. Sometimes we can't do both. Give us wisdom and favor with God and man. Help us live out our lives before You and people on earth with integrity. Most of all, we thank You for Your grace and ask for the continuing unmerited gift of Your favor upon our lives. We need You so much! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Paul Bechler, organist

Opening Hymn 94 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He leaves His throne on high, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth; born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Order of Service for Holy Communion

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly 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 - 10:30

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

(Solomon asks for wisdom)

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At

Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. “Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for — both wealth and honor — so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” Then Solomon awoke — and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

(Praise for Spiritual Blessing)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of

God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment — to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:40-52

(The Boy Jesus in the Temple)

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why

were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 354 What Child Is This?

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
This, this is Christ the King, the Babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading. Refrain
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. Refrain

Sermon

Text: Luke 2:40-52

“What Child is This???”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

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.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Wafers will be distributed by the Pastor/Vicar using a dispenser. The wine is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup. If you wish only to receive a blessing at the table, kindly come forward with your hands crossed at your chest or resting at your side.

Communion Anthem

Auld Lang Syne - Traditional
Kate DeBoer

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Go Tell it on the Mountain
(favorite hymn of Jodi Curtis)

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Paul Bechler, organist



Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are Gary and Pam Priskorn for the blessings of family, friends, and good health.

Ushers

9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Bill Couger,
Jeff Kidder, Peter Pridmore, Kevin Browett

10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen,
Norman Morrell, Jim Staargaard, Dan Teahan

Altar Guild

Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz, Stacie Millichamp,
Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, and Laurie Krentz

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Don Meier

10:30 - Don Meier and David Hardoin

Acolytes

9:00 - Johnny Friedrich

10:30 - Theo Miesel and Elle Gardner

Auld Lang Syne – History and Background

Auld Lang Syne is an old Lowland Scots poem published by Robert Burns (The national poet of Scotland) in 1788.

Don't blame yourself if you don't know the lyrics despite the song making the rounds every year. The words "auld lang syne" literally mean "old long since," though in practice it means "old times, especially times fondly remembered," as well as an "old or long friendship." It's from the Scots language, and the expression was first recorded in 1660–1680.

Burns wrote his "Auld Lang Syne" version — the one that we've all come to know (or at least kind of know) — in 1788 and published it in 1796.

Burns may get the credit for "Auld Lang Syne," but no one knows who actually first wrote the poem. Burns himself didn't claim the ditty. Instead, he said he took a fragment of a folk song that he'd heard and built more lyrics around it.

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Announcements for the week of January 2, 2022

Visit us at: www.redeemberirmingham.org for more detailed information

Welcome to Redeemer! 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.

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

Worship/Communion Schedule

Sunday

8am - Chapel

Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am - Gym

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

**10:30am livestreamed service*

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

Monday

7:00pm – Chapel

Communion after

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

Office Hours:

We are open Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00pm.

***In our new location in the staff hallway**

UPDATED WORSHIP/COMMUNION INFORMATION:

While masks are optional, they are strongly encouraged by the CDC for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people while in public indoor settings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect others.

- † All pews will be open for seating.
- † Worship, Sunday School and the nursery no longer require signups.
- † Wafers will be distributed by the Pastor/Vicar using a dispenser.
- † Wine will be served in the individual glass cups in the usual wine trays.
- † Members will be allowed to grab their own wine cup.

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary (although it is currently our gym, it is still our place of Worship) or Chapel (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.). Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thanks for your cooperation. ~Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors

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

2022 FLOWER SIGN UPS AVAILABLE!!!

Sign up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel. (*Sanctuary/\$55; Chapel/\$50; Lectern/\$45*) **(Please leave the flower liners behind for the next week's flowers!!!)** The sign-up charts are now available online via sign-up genius (links found on the front page of the website www.redeemberirmingham.org by clicking "Ways to Serve Redeemer" box). **Once you sign-up, you will also be able to fill out your dedication form and have an option to pay online too!** If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance, please contact the front office at 248-644-4010 or office@redeemberirmingham.org and we would be happy to assist you!

TORNADO RELIEF COLLECTION

Any donations made to help those impacted by the terrible storms that swept through the heartland of the country will be matched by Redeemer up to \$5,000 and donated to Samaritan's Purse who mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of natural disasters in the United States. **Please make checks payable to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and put "Tornado Relief" in the memo**

line. Please pray for all whose lives have been turned upside down by these events.

Big Christmas Take Down - 1/9/2022

Time to say goodbye to Christmas in the gym/Sanctuary and look forward to a brand new place to worship and share our love of Christ. We need help taking down the decorations Sunday, January 9th following the 10:30am service in the Town Square, Chapel and Sanctuary and outdoors. We will bribe you with breakfast! Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board as we make light work of our decorations.

2022 Usher Schedules Available!

The usher schedules are in the back of the gym for you to pick up.

Thank you for your assistance next year!

WAYS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

SPONSOR FAMILY OF GOD!

Looking for a great way to help others in need? Please consider sponsoring a meal for the Family of God soup kitchen ministry in Detroit! We need SIX families each month to donate \$100 towards items needed to make warm meals for the people of Detroit. **You can sign up for 2022 via the church website or contacting the church office** (office@redeemberirmingham.org / 248-644-4010). We now have the option for online payments for Family of God donations!

Women's Book Group

Women's Book Group is reading *The House of Silk* by Anthony Horowitz. We will meet **Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Town Square. *The House of Silk*, a Sherlock Holmes mystery, is an intricately woven plot, which begins with a case of an art dealer being followed by a rather strange man. Along the way, Holmes is given a cryptic warning of impending danger from a malevolent force that is responsible. And, at the center of the mystery is a hunt to find the House of Silk. Love a good mystery and like talking about it

even better? Then join us in front of the fireplace and share your opinion and insight. Looking forward to seeing you.

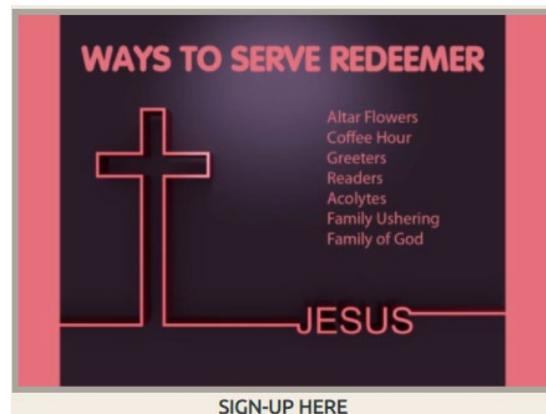
Fellowship Breakfast Hosted by Men's Ministry
Saturday, January 22 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Men and women of all ages are invited to join us for our next Fellowship Breakfast hosted by Men's Ministry on **Saturday, January 22nd, 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Great Room.** A hearty breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 8:45 a.m. Our special guest speaker will be Pastor Ron Farah whose topic will be: *"Witnessing: Sharing the Love of Christ – A Commanded (ouch!) but Challenging Task!"* It promises to be a thought-provoking and informative morning as always. Please sign up by January 17th on the Town Square bulletin board or call/e-mail Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext.123/gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org).

WAYS TO SERVE REDEEMER

Head to the website and click on this box to sign up to:

- Host Coffee Hour
- Be a Greeter
- Be a Reader
- Usher as a Family
- Acolyte
- Sponsor Flowers or FOG



If your family did not receive one of the wooden crosses made out of the wood floor where the original altar sat in the old Sanctuary at our Christmas Eve services, please stop by the Church office to pick one up. ****One per family unit please.***

GERMANY, AUSTRIA & "THE PASSION PLAY 2022"
July 29 – August 8, 2022

Information, itineraries with reservation form are located on the Town Square bulletin board and in the West Entrance "information wall rack." Call or email

Leslie Whitfield for more information: 248-646-0720 or 248-330-8685 or whitfield.leslie55@gmail.com.

Wednesday Lunch & Worship

Start off your new year by joining us for our next “Wednesday Lunch & Worship” on **Wednesday, January 19th**. We’ll enjoy a delicious Italian meal prepared by Michele Margosian at 12 noon in the Great Room and will then move to the chapel for a 1:00 p.m. worship service with Holy Communion. All are welcome! Please call the church office to let us know you’re coming for the lunch and also if you’re in need of transportation assistance. Questions – contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010).

COUNSELING

Redeemer Counseling Center is open and our two counselors are available to address your counseling needs! Call to set up an appointment soon!

Sandy Pourcho, PHD 248-568-6040

Anna Lewis, LMSW 248-224-0383

Buy a piece of Sacred Scripture to support our Sacred Space!

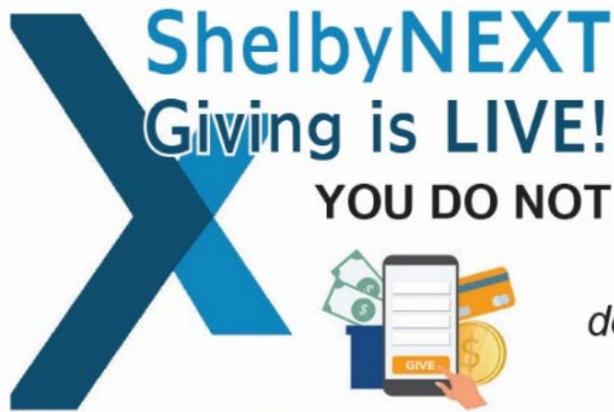
You now have an opportunity to own a piece of our 400+ year old German Bible that was printed in 1618 in Wittenberg.

1. Purchase pages of the Bible with colorful Illustrations on them representing some of the Bible stories - \$50
2. Purchase a page with your favorite Bible Verse on it - \$40

Go to our website www.redeemberirmingham.org and click on Luther’s Bible. Questions, call Rose in the front office (248-644-4010).

NOT RECEIVING EMAILS FROM REDEEMER?

1. **Add noreply@shelbnextchms.com to your email contact list.**
2. Check your spam or junk folder
3. If you are still not getting our emails, call or email the church office at office@redeemberirmingham.org 248-644-4010.



NEW AND SIMPLE WAY TO GIVE

YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN-IN TO GIVE



**your email will link your donation to your giving account*

Choose ONE of the options below to access the Giving Page:

1. Go to **redeemberirmingham.org** & click the “GIVE” box
2. If you are already in **ShelbyNext Membership** on your iPad or computer, select “My Giving” on the left toolbar and then “\$ Give Now”
3. **Text the word GIVE** to 248-846-1211

ONCE ON THE GIVING PAGE:

- **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN-IN TO GIVE**
- Choose from a One-time or Recurring donation
- **Follow the prompts and fill in all the boxes**

***Decide if you want to check the box to cover the service fees then complete the giving form by clicking Submit*

PLEASE NOTE: **To save your payment information for future donations, you will need to sign-in on the giving page. SEE WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS or contact the front office at 248-644-4010 or email office@redeemberirmingham.org. We are here to help!!!!

Pathways GROUP

Group I is for those newly or still heavily grieving a loss or the loss of a loved one. This group will begin meeting for 6 weeks, then taper off to 1 time per month.

Group II is for those who have dealt with their grief and loss in group I and now are ready to participate in a Bible Study with fellow group members and other group's organized social events. **Contact Kim Davis at 248-613-4200 for next meeting date/time.**

**PRIME TIMER SPONSORED FELLOWSHIP EVENT
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 3:30-5:30 P.M.**

Join us at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel as the Langsford Men's Chorus, directed by Steve SeGraves, shares a variety of musical selections for our enjoyment. Following that, we'll move to the Great Room for a light meal featuring food from Chicken Shack. A freewill donation will be received. Please sign up by January 11th on the Town Square bulletin board or by calling/e-mailing Gary Priskorn (248.644.4010 ext.123 / gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org

Since the arrival of the Coronavirus Pandemic the Redeemer Board of Elders has continually monitored the virus situation in order to conduct services in a safe yet meaningful manner. Included in this scenario was spraying all pews in the Sanctuary with disinfectant between services for months as well as reviewing how the Eucharist was served, while making adjustments as necessary. **There will be a change to the 8:00am communion service. The usher will dismiss the congregation by pew.** Anyone in a pew who wishes to commune at the altar with others in the pew may do so. Anyone in a pew who wishes to commune alone will hold up a finger and the usher will send him up to the altar individually. This process will continue pew by pew throughout the Chapel. Consequently, if there is someone you wish to commune with then arrange your seating prior to the start of the service.

The Board of Elders is looking for volunteers to join the group that operates the audio/visual equipment during church services. Training will be thorough and not too difficult. This invitation is open to men, women and high school students. If you are at all interested please contact Jim Endress (endressjim@hotmail.com) or Mike Raezler (mike.raezler@live.com).

SONSHINE GREETER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Redeemer has a wonderful tradition of celebrating our 80+ year old members on their birthday with a card, visit and a small gift. Cards, flowers and gifts are purchased by the church, cards and gifts can get picked up at the church office and flowers are picked up just down the street at Thrifty's. Some of our seniors just want a card mailed to them and some want a visit. It is a wonderful ministry and we would love you to be a part of it! Contact Cherisse Baetz for more information 248-646-7359 (home) 248-408-5825 (cell).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There is new access with no steps to the Chapel on the East side of the building. It is barrier free and step free!

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah

Book of James; Sundays, after 9am service (Library)

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds

Sundays, 10:30am

PreK/K in the Scheidt Room (downstairs under the Town Square)

1st/2nd Grade in the Library, 3rd-5th in the Great Room

Adult Bible Study - Vicar Jimmy

Looking at Heroes of the Faith - Deborah, Job, David, Elijah, Jonah & Esther

Tuesdays at 9:30am (Library)

Women's Bible Study – Kitty Sweitzer

Andy Stanley's: "Me and My Big Mouth"

Tuesdays at 6:30pm (Great Room) ***Starting Jan. 11**

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn *Zoom still available if preferred

2nd Corinthians

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Great Room)

Positive Parenting – Kristin Thompson & Victoria Ilitch

Wednesdays, 9:15am – 10:45am (Great Room)

High School Bible Study - Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski

Core Group - Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm - Gia Scheidt (Youth Room)

Sunday RYG - 7pm (Youth Room)

Confirmation – Laura Vowell

Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm (Various Rooms)

Community Bible Study – Rosemary Ging

Hezekiah's Passover - taught by Stacy Krainz

Starts Thursday January 6 at 9:30am (Great Room)

For more info on a particular study or how to attend, contact the names indicated.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Hezekiah's Passover - Taught by Stacy Krainz

Have you ever felt that some part of your life was in disarray or even shambles? Have you wondered whether you could recover some of what was missing in that part of your life? The Bible is full of stories of people who flourished and then fell, starting with Adam and continuing in the New Testament — just look at Peter's denial of Christ. Yet God is faithful, chastening us but then often restoring people to a greater appreciation of what God has provided. One such story is of King Hezekiah in 2 Chronicles. Join us in this 6-week study starting this Thursday January 6 at 9:30am in the Great Room

Redeemer Youth Group (High School Youth)

CORE GROUP - WEDNESDAYS 6-8pm

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Meet in the Youth Room! Questions? Contact Gia or Eric!

RYG - SUNDAY NIGHTS - 7pm

Bible Study: January 2, 9, 23, 30

FOG - January 10 - 4:45pm

RETREAT - January 14-16

Make sure to follow RYG on Instagram for event updates and photos!

@redeemer_y00th

Prayer and Praise List

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- ✦ For the family and friends of Al Hansen who was called to his heavenly home. His memorial service will be held at Redeemer on Tuesday, January 4th at 11:00am with visitation at 10:00am.

For those facing health concerns:

- ✦ Fred Hollis
- ✦ Sweitzer families in Kentucky and California
- ✦ Tim Duff, brother of Jon Duff
- ✦ Rick Russ
- ✦ Brian Leahy, nephew of Bill and Carol Leahy
- ✦ Michael O'Conner, father of Kimberly Leahy
- ✦ Jim Mignano, friend of Bill and Carol Leahy
- ✦ Sharon Gould, sister of Carol Leahy
- ✦ Tony, Sue, and Nate, relatives of Mary Jane Johnson
- ✦ Margaret Blackwood, Rachel Klaus' friends' mother
- ✦ Judy Janke, aunt of Laura Couger
- ✦ Mary, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Mike Sullivan, brother of Judy Sullivan
- ✦ Hendersen and Mike Starks, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Etta Unruh
- ✦ Izzy Sherman, niece of Jon Duff
- ✦ Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis
- ✦ Nancy Dillman
- ✦ Helen Hiotaky
- ✦ Jim Mignano, friend of Myrna Orava

For those in hospice:

- ✦ Jess Soltess
- ✦ Sandy Craig

Special Petitions:

- ✦ Please pray for Michael and Callie Cray for a healthy baby.
- ✦ All those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters.

✝ For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

✝ President Biden and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

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

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