

# GIFTS



## PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

October 6, 2024  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**October 6, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Theme: Gifts**

***As We Gather***

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. -1 Corinthians 12:15-20

***Prayer Before Worship***

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

*Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)*

*Inspiration for song from Godspell “Day by Day”*

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

**+ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.**

**+ I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.**

**+ I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.**

**Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

*(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)*

**Opening Hymn 379**

Take My Life and Let it Be

1. Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy Love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

**Order of Service for Holy Communion**

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

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30am**

Child: Kamden Bean Karchon

Parents: Kolin and Chelsea Karchon

Sponsors: Natalie Bean and Nicolas Karchon

*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***

Proverbs 30:7-9

*(Knowing the Lord)*

“Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

### ***Epistle Reading***

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*(Using your Gifts)*

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the

same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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

*(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)*

### ***Gospel Announcement***

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

### ***Gospel Reading***

Matthew 25:14-30

*(The Parable of the Talents)*

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many

things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. " 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

**Confession of Faith - 9:00am**

The Nicene Creed

*(10:30am service continues 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.

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn** Make Me a Channel of your Peace

“Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury your pardon Lord,  
And where there’s doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O Master grant that I may never seek,  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace, I  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive.  
And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

**Sermon**

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

“The Parable of the Talents”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

*(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.

*(Please rise for the Doxology)*

## ***Voluntary***

Total Praise- arr. Larson

Chancel Choir; Ryan Bowie, soloist;  
Brian Buckmaster, drums; Greg Weipert, bass

## ***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.

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that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### ***The Distribution of Holy Communion***

*For prayers before and after receiving the Sacrament, see pages 118-119 in the red hymnal.*

*Communion wine is dark in color, grape juice is light. It is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or desire the common cup, at the appropriate time, please raise your pointer finger.*

*(Please stand)*

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

***Closing Hymn 496***

Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying

*(favorite hymn of Janet Gibb, David Hardoin, Rick Russ,  
Elaine Schultz, Pam Tyndall, Laura Vowell)*

1. Hark! The voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth, rich reward He offers thee;  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
2. If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the Judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.
3. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

***Silent Prayer***

***Postlude***

*Sanctuary altar flowers* were placed by Laura Darnell in memory of Carl K and in honor of Laura and Carl's wedding anniversary. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Dan and Karen Rose in thankfulness for our children and grandchildren. *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Tom and Kathy Eley in celebration of our anniversary.

*Altar Guild*

Kathy Eley, Katie Moigis, Tracey Fish, Julie Nummer, Beth Lanthier,  
Sandy Pourcho, Laurie Krentz, Cheryl Carr

*Greeters*

10:30 - the Vella family

*Ushers*

9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Peter Pridmore, Cindy Grove,  
David Hamada, Ryan Jones

10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, captain; Eric Stein, Greg Bloom,  
Scott Kamm, Ben Kamm, Brian May, John Mills

*Elders Assisting in Communion*

9:00 - Brian May, Rick Russ

10:30 - Jim Endress, Rick Russ

*Acolyte*

9:00 - Nick Mushovic

*Audio and Video Operators*

9:00 - Greg Merryman

10:30 - Greg Merryman, Brian Fish

*Reader*

10:30 - Sharon Tylenda

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Visit us at: [www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) for more detailed information  
Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.



### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

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

### Announcements for the week of October 10, 2024

**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

8am – Chapel - Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/\*10:30am – Sanctuary - Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

\*10:30am livestreamed service

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

#### Monday

7:00pm – Chapel

Communion after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

***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***

**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.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** Scan this QR code and fill out the online attendance form.

**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.

**The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security.** To enter the church on Sundays please use: the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.

### **Church Extension Fund**

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.

#### **Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?**

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, that made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid back on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. When you invest at a bank, you will build another bank building. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone! *For more information call **Curtis Burstein at 248-320-5100**, (our Redeemer representative) Interest Rate sheets available around the building.*

*JOIN US for CEF Sunday, October 27, 2024*

#### **Hurricane Relief**

Any donations made to help those impacted by the hurricane that swept through the southeastern states 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 "**Hurricane Relief**" in the memo line. Please pray for all whose lives that have been turned upside down by these events.

### **October 13th Enrichment Event - *Sponsored by Faithful Friends***

You are invited! Congregation members and friends are invited to our Enrichment Event Sunday, **October 13th** following the 10:30 service in the Great Room. Dawn Neally from Seniors Helping Seniors will be speaking. Her mission is to help seniors remain independent and safe in their home environment by matching them with compassionate, committed, and dependable Care Providers. Seniors Helping Seniors is an in-home care service providing seniors with the ability to choose an independent lifestyle from anywhere they call home, for as long as possible. They also look for Seniors who want to be caregivers! Come to this one-hour Enrichment Event, we will also video tape it for those who are not available.

### **CHURCHILL'S**

Join us on **Sunday, November 24, 2024** for a special worship service at Churchill's Bistro Cigar Bar, located in the Johnson-Shaw Building, to commemorate Redeemer's very first worship gathering 100 years ago (less one day) on **Sunday, November 23, 1924!** Service begins at 9:15am.

*\$50 to reserve your spot.*

*100 people maximum.*

Thanks to Kirk Banerian who helped set up this special event. See next week's announcements for more details.

## REDEEMERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS HAPPENING

### How do I sign up?

#### Online:

- **Step 1:** Scan this QR Code
- **Step 2:** Enter Redeemer Church Code: *mi1957*
- **Step 3:** Redeemer Church Password: *photos*



#### By email:

- Email Lynn Kubik Mee Duerr at [lynnkubikmee@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnkubikmee@yahoo.com)

#### By phone:

- Call Lynn at #248-891-2734

### Current Photo Sessions Available

Friday, November 8: 2pm-8pm

Saturday, November 9: 10am-4pm

Thursday, November 14: 2pm- 8:30pm

Friday, November 15: 2pm-8pm

Saturday, November 16: 10am-4pm

Friday, November 29: 2pm-8pm

Saturday, November 30: 10am-4pm

## REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**SEPT 29:** HIGH SCHOOL Ushering At 10:30 Worship

**SEPT 29:** CIDER MILL 3-5

**October 4th-6th:** Youth Retreat - *No Youth Group Sunday, October 6th*

**October 13th:** Pumpkin Carving, - 7:00-9:00pm - Meet in the Youth Room

**October 14th:** FOG, 5:00-8:00pm - Meet in the Kitchen

**October 19th:** Camp Restore Volunteer Day, 8:30am - 4:00pm

**October 20th:** Bible Study, - 7:00 - 9:00pm-Meet in the Youth Room

**October 27th:** Murder Mystery, - 7:00 - 9:00pm - Meet in the Youth Room

Make sure you follow RYG on instagram for event updates and photos

@redeemer\_y00th

## BECOME A MEMBER!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer... now you can! Join us for our New Member Classes on Sundays from 9am – 10am. We will end with New Member Orientation on Sunday 11/10 and the New

Member Brunch on Sunday 11/17. Come join us! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or for more information.

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### Redeemer has an extensive library?

In total, our small but mighty library contains  
**4105 ITEMS!**

At any given time, you can find:

**3697 books**

**356 DVDs**

**37 Bible studies**

**15 audio CDs**

**Stop in for a visit any time!**

### Teaser and Trivia for our Westmaple Ministry

In the 1950's after Westmaple was established, the Church Council minutes mention an argument that two women from the congregation were having with Westmaple. The argument itself was never recorded, because the



Council refused to let the women speak. Their husbands had to speak for them, but the men would not air the disagreement!

**Learn so much more about Westmaple in October of 2025 as they celebrate their 75th anniversary!**

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **CHICKS WITH STICKS**

CWS will meet on **Thursday, October 17** at 1:00pm in the library. Beth Hamada, Chairman of Chicks with Sticks invites you.....It's fall and it's time to start knitting and crocheting again. We are making hats and scarves for the homeless and needy people of Detroit. It's totally fine to bring your own project to work on and I hope to see you there!

### **Women's Book Group**

Book Group meets **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30 in the Town Square** to discuss the novel *Killing Crazy Horse* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. Share your view points on the venture through the fraught history of our country's founding on already occupied lands, from General Andrew Jackson's brutal battles with the Creek Nation to President James Monroe's epic "sea to shining sea" policy, to President Martin Van Buren's cruel enforcement of a "treaty" that forced the Cherokee Nation out of their homelands along what would be called the Trail of Tears. Historically accurate, emotional and strategic, this work of non-fiction won't soon be forgotten. See you there!

## **SENIOR MINISTRY**

### **Wednesday Lunch & Worship - OCTOBER 16th**

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on **October 16th**, our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room where we're served a delicious Oktoberfest meal, again graciously prepared by Michele Margosian. After the meal we move to the chapel at 1:00 p.m. for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. Please call the church office (248-644-4010) by October 16th if you're joining us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we'll do our best to assist. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn at the number above.

**Motor City Sax Quartet - the prime timers**  
**“Motor City Sax Quartet” – Friday, Oct.25**

The Prime Timers group is planning a special evening of food, fellowship and entertainment for guests of all ages on Friday, Oct.25th. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room with a delicious meal of chicken marsala prepared by Michele Margosian, and following the meal we'll be treated to great music of various styles provided by the highly acclaimed Motor City Sax Quartet. The group features experienced musicians that have spent many years playing in concert bands, big bands, combos and other musical groups in the metro Detroit area. The program includes old standards, patriotic tunes and religious tunes – a great variety you're sure to enjoy. There is no charge – a freewill donation will be received. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Town Square by October 21st. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

**PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP**

Visit Redeemer's website and 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

***All Altar Guild members and anyone interested in learning more about the ministry***

You are invited to join us **Saturday, November 2nd in the Great Room from 9:00-10:30am**. After enjoying a light breakfast together, we will review some Altar Guild procedures and answer any questions. This is a perfect time for newcomers to learn more about who we are and what we do! Please sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board, or call the Church Office. We hope to see you!  
Kathy Eley and Karen Pridmore

## 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:

- meal plan
- shop
- prepare a hot meal
- make bagged lunches
- prepare frozen meals
- deliver/serve a meal
- donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals



Sign up to help at

[Www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org) 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 than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell at [laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

### CAMP RESTORE

#### Volunteers needed for our fall workday at Camp Restore

**Saturday, October 19 - 8:30 am**

Redeemer is excited to announce a church wide opportunity for families, youth and adults to join us, serving together on a variety of construction and mission projects. Morning coffee, donuts and a delicious lunch provided!

**Meet up at the Mt Calvary parking lot - 17100 Chalmers St, Detroit, MI 48205**

To sign up please text or contact: Gia Scheidt 248 520-6407; [gscheidt@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:gscheidt@redeemberirmingham.org) or Jon Duff 248 214-9037

## **IZOSH**

**Save the date for the fall Izosh Event**

**Sunday, November 17th after the 10:30 worship in the Town Square!**

**NEW TIME BUT SAME IMPACT!**

Stay tuned to church announcements

and the November LAMP for more details on the event!

## **CHRISTMAS? THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS ALREADY?**

Yes, we are! We are your Advent by Candlelight team and we are getting ready for Sign-up Sunday and your table reservation. We will welcome you on Sunday, October 20, at 7:30am. Sign-in on the clipboard in the Town Square to indicate your place in line and when your name is called come into the library, pick your table, your room and leave with all the information you will need to welcome your guests to the table the evening of Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm. Join us for a Christ-filled, peaceful, mindful evening of scripture, music, personal glimpses and more. We are waiting to walk to Christmas with you. Directors 2024 Crissy Bienkowski and Erin Mortenson. Directors in Training are Kim Martin and Katra Klow!

## **COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP**

Last February 3 and 10 a marriage workshop led by Pastor Farah was held here at Redeemer. While we covered several topics we did not have the time to cover any of them in depth. For that reason we are going to have a second workshop on **Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 am to 12 noon** with a concentrated focus on the issue of communication. Dr. Sandy Pourcho and Pastor Farah will present. As Pastor Farah stated in February, communication is not one of those things we should do based on what comes naturally. Communication can build up or it can destroy. The good news is that good communication can be learned. We believe you will go away from this workshop with a better understanding of skills that will help you communicate better resulting in less stress and struggle not only in marriage but in all the relationships of your life. And note, this workshop is not just for people who are married. All are welcome and all can benefit. The cost will be \$40.00 per couple or \$25.00 for a single. Checks can be made out to Ron Farah.

## **COUNSELING - Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-586-6040**

ATTENTION REDEEMER MEN - Did you know we have a Pastoral Counselor for you here at Redeemer – Rev. Ronald Farah - that you can talk to man to man? Don't hesitate to call Rev. Farah at 248-642-3137 to make an appointment.

## **PATHWAYS Redeemer's Grief and Loss Recovery Group**

Meetings will resume **Wednesday, October 3th** 1:00pm in the Town Square. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

## **MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS**

### **THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS**

Please join the Chancel Choir as we prepare the Cantata **The Wonder of Christmas** to be presented with full orchestra on **Sunday, December 22nd at the 9:00am and 10:30am services**. This is a special opportunity for those of you who enjoy singing but perhaps cannot make a weekly commitment to singing on Sunday with the choir. **Starting the first Wednesday of October, we will spend the first half-hour of our Chancel Choir Rehearsal on the Cantata** - join us from 6:30-7:00pm, or stay longer if you'd like! This invitation is designed to allow more church members to participate in the Cantata, which is an amazing experience, as we are joined by outstanding professional instrumentalists from the Detroit area. Don't miss this opportunity!

### **JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA YOUTH CHOIR**

We have a very exciting opportunity for children, ages 6 and up to participate in the **"Wonder of Christmas"** to be presented with the Chancel Choir and full orchestra on **Sunday, December 22nd at the 9:00am and 10:30am services** (dress rehearsal Saturday, Dec. 21). Rehearsals for Sunday School ages (older children also welcome) will begin **Oct. 13th from 10:00 – 10:45 in the Chapel**. Middle Schoolers (and older) will rehearse on select Wednesdays during scheduled confirmation classes. Please contact Nancy Lesinski (nancylesinski@gmail.com), Laura Vowell or Nicole Olds with any questions.

## **Farewell to Chancel Choir section leader, Ryan Bowie**

Ryan Bowie has been singing with the Redeemer Chancel Choir for a little over a year now. He's the tall good-looking one in the back row. (I know, you're asking yourself, "which one", right?) His infectious spirit and outstanding musical talent have been a blessing to everyone at Redeemer during those months. Ryan recently got his music teaching degree from Wayne State University, and starting in September he accepted a job offer as a music teacher in the Ypsilanti Public School District. We congratulate Ryan on his new job. You may know that Ryan is also the assistant conductor of the renown Detroit Youth Choir, of America's Got Talent fame. Because of all that he now has on his musical plate, sadly for us today is Ryan's last Sunday at Redeemer. If you get a chance, please let him know how much you have appreciated him. He will certainly be missed. We pray for God's richest blessings on Ryan as he starts this new chapter in his life.

## **CHILDRENS MINISTRY**

### **THIRD GRADE BIBLES!**

Third 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 27th at 9:00am in the Scheidt Room**. We then invite you to attend the 10:30am service to have your new Bibles blessed and celebrate Reformation Sunday. The kids will get to use their Bibles during Sunday School, too! If you have not received an email about the event, please contact **Nicole Olds**.

### **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 27th from 3:00pm-5:00pm** for a fun afternoon of trick or treating around the church, photo-ops in costume, yummy snacks, dancing, and a charity project. Come in your Halloween costume (adults too!) and be a part of this fun event! Bring a friend or two! Sign-up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you plan to attend! Contact **Laura Vowell** for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need help from congregation members of all ages to make this event a SUCCESS! Please sign-up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you would like to help out with decorating a doorway for trick or treaters, set-up/clean-up, or running games.  
***\*Counts toward service hours for Confirmands!***

## **NEW BIBLE STUDY**

When Your Way Isn't Working by Kyle Idleman (5 session Bible study) 9:15-10:45am in the great room **on October 7, 21, November 4, 18 and December 9**. In John 15:5, Jesus tells us how he is the vine. This study focuses on: +seeking out greater rest, depth, and connection in our lives +finding freedom from the pressures of performance and production +stepping out of loneliness and isolation even when it feels scary +getting rid of the distractions that keep us disconnected from Christ. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna Lewis at 248.224.0383.

**Baptism** - In honor of the baptisms of Kamden Bean Karchon, a \$50 donation in his name has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or [carenetberkely.com](http://carenetberkely.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.

## **POSITIVE PARENTING**

Join us for conversation and community in Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting. Join us from 9:15am - 10:45am on Wednesdays in the Great Room. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us whenever you can. Positive Parenting is open to everyone, regardless of the ages of your children. There is always childcare available with no need to sign up in advance! Contact Kristin Thompson ([kethompson1@gmail.com](mailto:kethompson1@gmail.com)) or Victoria Ilitch ([victoria.ilitch@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.ilitch@gmail.com)) with questions or for more information.

### **Upcoming October Events**

**October 2nd:** Prepare a meal for Family of God

**October 9th:** Bible Study led by Pastor Randy

**October 16th, 23rd, 30th:** We will tackle and discuss one of the biggest parenting behemoths - technology!

We will pull from **The Anxious Generation** by Jonathan Haidt, *podcasts, and lean into moms that have begun this walk.*

**REDEEMER YOUNG ADULT**

*BIBLE STUDY: First Thursday of Every Month*

*MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS*

*CHURCH LUNCHESES: Once a Month after Church*

*TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN TO LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!*

*(248) 925-7125*

***DONATION!***



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!!!**



## **PRAYER AND PRAISE LIST**

### **For those with health concerns:**

- Wayne Denniston, dad of Sharon Tylenda
- John Hauschulz
- Linda & Sue Sack
- Stacey, Barbara Hessen's daughter
- Dan Rose
- Trisha Morgan, sister of Margaret Loose
- Maddie, Mary Jane Johnson's great-niece
- Rich, friend of the Curcio's
- Amy Wargelin
- Carol & Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Beth Hamada
- Ron Ging

### **For those in Hospice Care:**

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

### **Special Petitions:**

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters.
- President Biden 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 Kamden Bean Karchon who was baptized today

## **Bible Studies**

### **SUNDAYS**

Adult Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans  
*All year after 9am service(Scheidt Room)*

New Member Class - Laura Vowell  
9-10am (Great Room) Sept 29-Nov. 3

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds  
10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

R Y G (High School) - Gia & Eric  
7pm (Youth Room)

### **TUESDAYS**

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy - Hero's of the Bible  
9:30am (Great Room)

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer  
6:30pm (Great Room) \*4th Tuesday starts at 6pm  
The Chosen-Season 4

### **WEDNESDAYS**

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn - Acts (\*Zoom available)  
6:45-7:30am - all year (Great Room)

Positive Parenting - Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson  
9:15-10:45am (Great Room)

Confirmation Classes - Laura Vowell  
6-8pm (various rooms)

Core Group (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt  
6-8pm (Youth Room)

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

***If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp for a Bible reading plan.***

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