

FAITH UNDER FIRE



DIETRICH  
BONHOEFFER  
1906 - 1945

October 20, 2024  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**October 20, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Theme: Faith Under Fire**

***As We Gather***

Before worship: “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

***Prayer Before Worship***

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray  
And to concentrate my thoughts on you: I cannot do this alone.  
In me there is darkness, But with you there is light;  
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;  
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;  
I am restless, but with you there is peace.  
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand  
your ways, But you know the way for me...Restore me to liberty,  
And enable me to live now That I may answer before you and before me.  
Lord, whatever this day may bring, Your name be praised. Amen  
Rev. Bonhoeffer

**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

*(Sponsored by Cathy Hansen. As we celebrate Bonnie Brooks birthday, my fondest memory of her is when she sang this song in church and her daughter Aleea was sitting next to me and Al just sobbing. I witnessed the precious love between mother and daughter and what a blessing it was.*

*Priceless)*

*(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)*

## **Praise Song**

How Great Thou Art - Hine/Baloche

1. Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.  
Thy Pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!

2. And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## **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 deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.**

*P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Joshua 24:14-18

*(Whom will you serve?)*

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then

choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

***Epistle Reading***

2 Timothy 3:10-17

*(A final charge to Timothy)*

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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

*(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)*

***Gospel Announcement***

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

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1–12

*(The Beatitudes)*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**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.

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn**

By Gracious Power  
*to the tune of Be Still My Soul*

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to meet us each new day.

Yet are our hearts by their old foe tormented;  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when the cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
we take it gladly, trusting though with trembling,  
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

If once again, in this mixed world, you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall recall what we have learned through sorrow,  
and dedicate our lives to you alone.

**Sermon**

Text: Matthew 5:1–12

“Blessed Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer”

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)*

**Doxology**

Tune: hymn 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

## ***Prayer of the Church***

### ***Communion Liturgy***

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*P: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;*

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### ***The Words of Institution*** (spoken by the Pastor)

#### ***The Pax Domini***

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

**C: Amen.**

#### ***The Agnus Dei***

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

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

*(Please be seated)*

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

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

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

### ***Communion Anthem***

Beautiful - Gateway Worship

Redeemer Praise

*(Please rise for the Benediction)*

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

### ***Closing Hymn 451***

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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

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

## ***Silent Prayer***

### ***Postlude***

Rick Helderop, organist

*Sanctuary altar flowers* were placed by Thom and Mary Jane Johnson in loving memory of Janet Hogan who we miss so dearly. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Pam Dundas in celebration of Mike Dundas's birthday.

### ***Altar Guild***

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

### ***Ushers***

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain, Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Gesmann,  
Brian Vautaw, Rudy Becker, Robert Artelt  
10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen, Jim Staargaard,  
Orion Pedersen, Brad Baldner, Ryan Teahan

### ***Elders Assisting with Communion***

Ron Curcio, Andy Tafel

### ***Acolytes***

9:00 - Joey LaLone, Nick Springer  
10:30 - Josh Hugel, Sophie Kamm

### ***Greeters***

9:00 - Nick Mushovic

### ***Reader***

Pamela Dundas

### ***Audio and Video Operators***

9:00 - David Hamada  
10:30 - John Mills, Dave Hardoin

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### 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 20, 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*

**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.

## **Happening TODAY**

### **7:30 am - Advent by Candlelight Table Sign-up**

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 for Advent by Candlelight. 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!

### **8:00 am - Redeemer Praise Rehearsal**

Redeemer Praise meet for their regular rehearsals. Meets in the Music Room.

### **9:00 am - New Member Classes - Sundays**

Come join us! Contact Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)) with questions or for more information. Meet in the Great Room.

### **10:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study with Rev. Ronald Farah discussing Romans. This study meets all year after the 9am service in the Scheidt Room.

### **10:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal for the "Wonder of Christmas" Cantata**

Rehearsals for Sunday School age kids in the Chapel (older children also welcome). Middle Schoolers (and older) will rehearse on select Wednesdays during scheduled confirmation classes. Please contact Nancy Lesinski ([nancylesinski@gmail.com](mailto:nancylesinski@gmail.com)), Laura Vowell or Nicole Olds with any questions.

### **11:30 am - Redeemer Brass Rehearsal**

Redeemer Brass meet for their regular rehearsals in the Sanctuary.

### **7:00 pm - Redeemer Youth Group - Bible Study**

Youth meet in the Youth Room for Bible study.

## **Join us for Church Extension Fund SUNDAY, October 27**

CEF will be presenting us with a check for our Wellness Contest win of \$10,000! Learn more about investing!!

For more information on CEF, call Curtis Burstein at 248-320-5100, our Redeemer representative. Interest Rate sheets available around the building.

### **Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website.**

Click on "WAYS TO SERVE" to explore volunteering opportunities at church!

You can also find sign-up details on the Town Square bulletin board.

- Be A Reader!
- Be A Greeter!
- Host A Coffee Hour!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering

### **What is a Mystery Prelude?**

#### **Scan the QR code to sign up**

Our very own Rick Helderop will play one of your favorite/meaningful songs in the Prelude spot at all the Sunday Services for the day (8am, 9am and 10:30am). It doesn't have to be a hymn! It can be your wedding song, a song that reminds you of a loved one, or even a catchy tune you just LOVE! Your name and the significance of your selection will be printed in the bulletin and the song will be revealed in the announcements. Sign up on the front page of the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the form. It is \$10 and ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION FUND! Thank you for participating!

### **All Saints' Day - Sunday, November 3**

In keeping with an old All Saint's Day tradition, during our worship services on November 3/4, we will remember the following people who were born to the Church Triumphant in the past year whose services were held at Redeemer or were officiated by Pastor Randy. (if you feel we have missed someone, please

call the church office). If you have a loved one on the list and you would like to carry in their candle, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org or 248-644-4010 ext. 121).

Thomas C. Allen + Megan E. Dilley + Veronica L. Donaldson

Thomas G. Ernst + Joe H. Hamada + Grace L. Holland

Atsuko N. Inatome + Deborah A. Knape + Majorie J. Kome

Lois I. Lindgren + Joseph R. Lobb + John D. Millichamp

Jon M. Oen + Daniel C. Reck + Rose Mary V. Ricelli

Stephen Schurr + Jacqueline W. Steigerwald

Patricia A. Varterian + Alexander W. Walter + Geraldine J. Williams

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

*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*

### **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!

### **HOW REDEEMER'S ORGAN SINGS! - Pedals to Pipes**

#### **Sunday, November 10th**

Join us for lunch after 10:30 Worship, followed by a guided tour of Redeemer's Organ by Rick Helderop. After a fellowship lunch, we will learn some of the secrets of Redeemer's fantastic organ as our equally fantastic Rick Helderop takes us from stop knobs to pedal board to pipes and shares with us some of the ins and

outs of what makes our organ sing. Rick will wrap up the tour with a short recital and maybe even take a request or two. See Sign-Up board for more information.

## **PREPARING THE LORD'S TABLE**

**ATTENTION:** All Altar Guild members and anyone interested in learning more about this 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

## **CAN-DO! Redeemer vs. Westmaple Food Drive for the Needy!**

We are collecting non-perishable food items (no glass jars or expired items!). Please place donations on the table in the Town Square by Sunday November 10. We are competing with Westmaple Nursery School – let's see who can collect the most food (by weight)... Westmaple or Redeemer! Please direct questions to Pastor Randy.

## **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28 9:00 am

Friday, November 29 Church Office is closed

## **Jingle Bells, Lights, Wreaths, Candles and people too!**

It's time to decorate our Chapel and Sanctuary for Christmas!!!

Chapel: Wednesday, November 27 at 1:00 pm Sanctuary: Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am There are many ways to help! Unboxing supplies, hanging greens, putting up trees, candles, wreaths, swags, hanging ornaments, and enjoying fellowship, food and conversation. There is some level of participation for

everyone. Soooooo, sign up on the Town Square bulletin board so we know how many to feed and be grateful for. Questions? Call Kitty?

## **Week at a Glance**

**21**

**9:15 am - Bible Study "When Your Way isn't Working" Leader: Anna Lewis**

**7:00pm – Worship**

**22**

**9:30 am Bible Study - "Heros of the Bible" Leader: Pastor Jimmy**

**6:00 pm - Women' Bible Study**

**7:30 pm - Women's Book Group**

**23**

**6:45 am – Men's Bible Study**

**9:00 am - Positive Parenting**

**6:00 pm Confirmation and RYG Core Group**

**6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**24**

**6:30 pm - Men's Pickup Basketball**

**7:00 pm - Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal**

**25**

**5:30 pm - Prime Timers Program**

**7:00 pm - Young Adults Murder Mystery Night**

**26**

**11:00 am - Memorial**

**4:30 pm - Wedding (offsite)**

## **WOMENS MINISTRY**

### **CHICKS WITH STICKS**

CWS will meet on Thursday, November 7 and 21 at 1:00pm in the library. 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 viewpoints on the venture through the fraught history of our country's founding on already occupied lands. Historically accurate, emotional and strategic, this work of non-fiction won't soon be forgotten.

### **THE GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree supplies are all in and I would like to have a few people help me package everything up to make ready for a delivery to the Orphan Grain Train in Flint. Thank you for all the wonderful towels, clippers, combs, soap, etc., Around the world there are many people who don't have the basic necessities and your gifts have made a difference. Always remember how important your gifts are. They make a big difference to someone with little. Bless you!

Email [misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org) to let me know if you can help.

## **SENIORS MINISTRY**

### **MOTOR CITY SAX QUARTET THE PRIME TIMERS - Friday, Oct.25**

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room with a delicious meal of chicken marsala prepared by Michele Margosian. Following the meal we'll be treated to great music of various styles provided by the highly acclaimed Motor City Sax Quartet. 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.

**Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**

**Colossians 3:16**

## **KIDS 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.

### **REDEEMER'S CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN CONTEST**

Every year Redeemer sends out a Christmas card that carries a design created by one of our very own children (preschool to 5th grade).

KIDS - What do you think of when you think "Christmas"? Jesus in the manger, donkeys and sheep, stars and angels??? Your picture should tell the story of Christmas. Before you draw, please read Luke 2:1-20 and base your drawing on what you read there. You can use the computer, markers, crayons, colored pencils, or design pens. Just make sure your work is clean, neat and your absolute best effort. Please draw your masterpiece on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper.

Designs are due in by Monday, November 4th and will be judged on their creativity, presentation and theme. Everyone who submits a design will receive a little prize. When you are done put your design in Mrs. Olds' office or you can scan and email it to [nolds@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:nolds@redeemberirmingham.org). Thanks for sharing your talent with the Redeemer family!

## **RYG - HIGH SCHOOL**

**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](https://www.instagram.com/redeemer_y00th)

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

Join Redeemer Young Adults for a 1920's Murder Mystery on October 25th at 7pm. RSVP is a MUST to Michael Banerian for your character assignment.

(248) 925-7125

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Youth Fall Retreat Recap!

We had a BLAST on the weekend retreat in October! The high schoolers read the book of James and the middle schoolers learned about Paul and some of his most famous Bible verses. We also played flashlight tag, Capture the Flag, and fun indoor games! The high SCHOOL schoolers took a field trip to Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill and the middle schoolers visited the on-site farm with goats, rabbits, and chickens! Hope you can join us next time!

## **JAMS Game Night!**

Dodgeball! Aliens in the Church! Pizza! Ice Cream Sundaes! AND MORE! Don't miss out on all of this fun with your friends! Middle School kids in grades 6-8 are invited to the JAMS Game Night on Friday, November 15th from 5:30pm – 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 ([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)) with questions or concerns.

## **THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

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 cannot make a weekly commitment with the choir. In 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!

## **COUNSELING**

### **PATHWAYS: REDEEMER'S GRIEF AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP**

Meetings will resume Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 9:00am 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.

## **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 - Heroes of the Bible  
9:30am (Great Room)

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

## **THURSDAYS**

**Young Adults** - 1st Thursday of every month

6:30-8pm (Michael Banerian's - 3217 Maplewood, RO)

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

### **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) or Victoria Ilitch (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

**October 23rd and 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.**

### **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, shop for items, 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. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell.

***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.***

## **MISSIONS**

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Sunday, November 17th after the 10:30 worship

**NEW DAY! NEW TIME! SAME IMPACT!**

Special Sunday Viewing Event of **LIVING ON ONE DOLLAR**

*Scan the QR code to Register!*

## **PROVIDE THE HOMELESS A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS!**

The Angel Tree tags will be made on Wednesday, November 13 at 12:30 In the library and the Angel Tree will go up in the Town Square on Sunday, November 17 just in time for Christmas at Grace Centers of Hope. Our long term loving relationship with the residents of Grace has been joy-filled as we meet the needs of the men, women and children who fight homelessness, addiction and abuse. Take a tag, shop the gift, wrap your gift and tape the tag on it. On Monday, December 9 at 12:30 we will sort and pack all these generous presents and send them on to Grace for Christmas. Thanks for being an elf and giving someone hope, peace, love and joy.

## **HURRICANE RELIEF**

Any donations made to help those impacted by the hurricane 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. Please make checks payable to *Lutheran Church of the Redeemer* and put "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line, or pay online with the QR code.

## **PRAYER & PRAISE LIST**

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

**For those in Hospice Care:**

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

### **Special Petitions:**

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- 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.
- For all those in Florida who are in need of help, due to hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- Jim Dundas for Safe Travels
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

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

- For the family and friends of Thomas Violante who was called to his heavenly home. His funeral service was Saturday, October 19 at Redeemer.
- For the family and friends of Dieter “Dee” Sievertsen who was called to his heavenly home.

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

- ·Wayne Denniston, dad of Sharon Tylenda
- ·Patricia Hunsinger
- ·Georgina Garland, friend of Robin Swift
- ·Brenda Needham
- ·Tyler Crain, friend of Stacie Millichamp
- ·John Antone, friend of Adam Camden
- ·Steve SeGraves
- ·Stacey, Barbara Hessen’s daughter
- ·Dan Rose
- ·Trisha Morgan, sister of Margaret Loose
- ·Amy Wargelin
- ·Carol & Tim Frost
- ·Myrna Orava
- ·Beth Hamada
- ·Ron Ging

- Eddie George, Michele Ostrander's brother

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