



January 12, 2025  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 12, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**The Baptism of our Lord**  
**Theme: Baptism**

**As We Gather**

Luther believed there was “No greater jewel, therefore, can adorn our body and soul than baptism, for through it we become completely holy and blessed, which no other kind of life and no work on earth can acquire” (*Book of Concord*, 462; *emphasis mine*; see also 459).

**Prayer Before Worship**

Almighty, Eternal God, Who, according to Thy righteous judgment, didst condemn the unbelieving world through the flood and, in Thy great mercy, didst preserve believing Noah and his family; and Who didst drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and didst lead Thy people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of Thy baptism; and Who, through the baptism of Thy dear Child, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away of sins: We pray through the same Thy groundless mercy, that Thou wilt graciously behold this [child] and bless him with true faith in spirit, that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in him from Adam and which he himself has added thereto may be drowned in him and engulfed, and that he may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the Holy Ark of Christendom, serve Thy Name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers he may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Thy promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Martin Luther Flood Prayer*)

**Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

*(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)*

## **Opening Hymn**

Softly and Tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

### **Refrain:**

*Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me? - *Refrain*

## **Order of Service**

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

**C: Amen.**

*P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

*P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.*

**C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 43:1–7

*(Israel's only Savior)*

But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

## **Epistle Reading**

Romans 6:1–11

*(Dead to sin, Alive in Christ)*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin

once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)*

### **Gospel Announcement**

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

### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 3:15–22

*(The Baptism of Jesus)*

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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

## ***Confession of Faith***

## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## ***Sermon Hymn***

## **Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

## ***Sermon***

**Text: Luke 3:15–22**

**“Taking the Plunge”  
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.

### ***Choir Voluntary***

The Work of Christmas - Forrest  
sung by Chancel Choir

When the song of angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins.  
To find the lost, to heal the broken,

To feed the hungry, to free the prisoners,  
To rebuild nations, to bring peace among brothers.  
To make music from the heart.

*(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**

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

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen, Amen, Amen

### **Closing Hymn**

Amazing Grace

*(favorite hymn of Dee Aebersold, Paula Butler, Diane Dorantes,  
Pastor Jimmy Greenwalt, II, Lance Harrison, Donna Hollis, Jeanne Hollis,  
Zella Honemann, Nancy Kabacinski, Judy Mammel, Kaki Mammel  
Merryman, Valerie McCammon, Linda McCauley, Greg Merryman, MaryAnn  
Perryman, Pat Raezler, William J. Schlauch, Kitty Sweitzer, Betsy Ukrop)*



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

### ***Silent Prayer***

### ***Postlude***

Rick Helderop, organist

*Sanctuary altar flowers* were placed by Sharon Zimmer in celebration of 54 years of blessed marriage.

*Altar Guild*

Kathy Eley, Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz,  
Stacie Millichamp, Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, Laurie Krentz,  
Joanne Greenwalt, Tracey Fish

*Greeters*

10:30 - The Chioini Family

*Ushers*

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ,  
Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker  
10:30 - The Ilitch and Dean Families

*Audio/Video Operators*

9:00 - Jim Wingo  
10:30 - Jim Endress, David Kiehle

*Acolytes*

9:00 - Cam and Avery Freidrich

*Reader*

10:30 - Marilyn Staargaard

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

*your community church*

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at [www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) for more detailed information.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

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

**January 12, 2025**



**SCAN FOR  
WEBSITE**

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

## WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

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

## WORSHIP/COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/\*10:30am - Sanctuary

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

### MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

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

\*10:30am livestreamed service

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

## REDEEMER NURSERY

Infants and children are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 & 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 SERVICES - 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30am**

**TODAY'S  
COFFEE HOUR  
HOSTED  
BY  
*family*  
LIFE**

**HOST A COFFEE HOUR**  
in Memory of your  
favorite loved one!  
Signup under the *Ways to  
Serve* option on the church  
website or on the Town  
Square Bulletin board

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



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

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

### **10:00am - Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Farah**

### **10:30am - Sunday School**

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

### **7:00pm - RYG Bible Study**

**Make sure you follow RYG on instagram for event updates and photos  
@redeemer\_y00th**

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## **THROUGH THESE DOORS A BOOK INCLUDING YOUR STORIES**

*How did you come to Redeemer? Tell your story!*

Use the PURPLE forms around the church to tell your story. In fact, Kitty may hand you one in person and ask you to fill it out. Write 250 words or less about how you came to Redeemer. Include a favorite scripture at the bottom of the page and our little committee (reserving the right to edit) will put your journey on paper to create a beautiful book for our 100th Anniversary celebration here at church. Your book "Through These Doors" will be a history of our people who found a spiritual home in this place. What motivated you? Anyone walk with you? Journey difficult, easy or both? What did you gain? Lose? Tell us your story! Search your past, your heart and memory and let us know how you became part of Redeemer's history.

Questions? Contact Miss Kitty. Deadline for submission February 1, 2025!

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## **A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP**

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**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.

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**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***

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*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!**



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

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**ALL paper signup sheets in the Town Square are located behind the coffee hour station in the hallway near the coatroom! Come see how you can get involved!**

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

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

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**ALTAR FLOWERS - MANY SPOTS IN JANUARY AVAILABLE!**

Sign-up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel! Rates are as follows:

Sanctuary: \$55; Chapel: \$50; Lectern: \$45

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website. You can complete the dedication form and make payment directly online or follow the link in your email you receive to confirm your sign-up. Alternatively, you can email your dedication to the **Church Office**, drop off your check at the Church Office, or leave payment in the Sunday morning offering plate clearly marked "Altar Flowers."

***Please remember to leave the flower liners for the following week when collecting your flowers!*** Sanctuary flowers can be picked up after Sunday's 10:30am service, and Chapel flowers after Monday's 7:00pm service. For assistance, please reach out to the **Church Office** for support.

*\*Sign-up links can be found on the church's website by selecting "WAYS TO SERVE" and then "Altar and Lectern Flower Sign-Up."*

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**THIS COMING WEDNESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH & WORSHIP - JANUARY 15**

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on **January 15th**, our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room where we're served a delicious meal of wonton soup, again graciously prepared by Michele Margosian. After the meal we move to the chapel at 1:00 pm for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. **Please call the church office (248-644-4010) by January 14th 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.

## NOT RECEIVING EMAILS FROM REDEEMER?

1. Add [noreply@shelbynexthms.com](mailto:noreply@shelbynexthms.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](mailto:office@redeemberirmingham.org)/248-644-4010

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## TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

- Have you moved?
- Have you changed your phone numbers?
- Have your adult children moved away?
- Do you give online and not want to receive envelopes?
- Do you need your login credentials?
- Do you want to send in a photo for your family and individual profiles?

Please make sure you update your family membership information online in Shelby Membership OR send your updated information to [office@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberirmingham.org).

You can also call the church office to make any changes to your family profile.

*\*\*Please note, if you would like a printed copy of your family profile, we can email that to you so you can make updates.*

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## DONATION INFORMATION

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



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

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### SEASON OF LENT 2025 WORSHIP

**Every Wednesday - March 5 - April 9, 2025**

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

Each worship service is preceded by a meal:

Lunch at 12:00 noon and

Dinner at 6:00pm (5:30pm confirmations)

### HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Good Friday - April 18

Holy Saturday - April 19

Easter Sunday - April 20



PREPARE a LENTEN MEAL  
Signup in the Town Square

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## WESTMAPLE NURSERY SCHOOL

### WESTMAPLE NURSERY SCHOOL NEEDS WRAPPING PAPER TUBES

Please donate wrapping paper tubes to repurpose for Westmaple projects. Donations will be accepted through **January**. A collection box outside the gym doors will be available to drop off your tubes.

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

13 MON	14 TUES	15 WED	16 THURS	17 FRI	18 SAT
11a RYG Family of God (FOG) Kitchen Prep  5p RYG Family of God (FOG)  7p Worship  8p Al Anon  8p Love of Life	9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study  6:30p Women's Bible Study	6:45a Men's Bible Study  8a Lunch & Worship Prep  9:15a Positive Parenting  12p Wednesday Lunch & Worship  6p Confirmation RYG Core Group Year 3 Confirmation Class  6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30a BNI Meeting  9:30a Community Bible Study  6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball  7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal  7p Titus II Bible Study		11am Baptism

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### HOLY ROLLERS Bowling Team

Represent Redeemer on a 4-person bowling team.

Qualifying night - February 17, 2025, 7pm

Championship - March 3, 2025, 7pm

*(Monday Nights)*

MORE DETAILS  
TO COME!  
WATCH FOR  
DETAILS IN  
FUTURE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*women's*  
retreat

March 01, 2025

9:30am-3pm

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church  
 1345 Gratiot Avenue. Detroit, MI 48207

For more information and to register, scan QR code





# MISSIONS

## FEED THE HOMELESS!

Redeemer partners with **Family of God (FOG)**, a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways: *make bagged lunches, prepare frozen meals, deliver/serve a meal, and shop for items.*

***You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals.***

Sign-up to help on the church website 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 (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal.***

2025 Family of God Soup Kitchen Sponsor Sign-ups are available in the Town Square!

LOTS of spots available!!

## HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

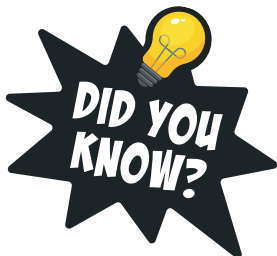
Save-the-date for our upcoming Orientation Meeting for mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND  
4:00-7:00pm - GREAT ROOM**

## REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS!

**"redeemer\_y00th" ALWAYS CHECK  
INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE  
CHANGES**

## OUR BUDGET WAS WHAT?!



Did you know that in 1940, Redeemer's annual budget was \$3,356.72?! It's amazing how much things have changed over the past 85 years!

We got a kick while reading the Annual Financial Report - hope you find it interesting, too!

## FAMILY OF GOD

RYG cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen the 2nd Monday of every month - join us in helping others!

TOMORROW - January 13th

February 10th

\*Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner!

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ... 1940

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance Dec. 31, 1939	346.08	
Regular envelopes	1712.99	
Plate offerings	357.82	
Synod	188.09	
Subsidy	440.00	
Painting and repairs	223.32	
Special donations	141.00	
Centennial Offering	31.85	
Initial Offering	5.40	
Thanksgiving Offering	37.01	
Bank Dividend	5.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3518.81	3518.81

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor's salary	1428.00	
Car allowance	60.00	
Debt payment:		
Interest	206.07	
Principal	913.93	
TOTAL	1120.00	
Decorating parsonage	160.00	
Sewer repair	61.00	
Altar wine	6.00	
Water (church & parsonage)	34.25	
Offering Envelopes	9.58	
Financial record books	10.18	
Newspaper advertising	4.90	
Centennial offering	31.85	
Fuel oil	37.23	
Postage and printing	22.60	
Light	17.82	
Repairs at parsonage	25.13	
Mimeograph roller	2.88	
Choir music and collars	7.64	
Corp. & Sec. Commission	2.00	
Drain taxes	3.26	
Fire insurance	25.00	
Easter & Christmas folders	15.00	
Devotional booklets	21.17	
Convention & substitute		
Pastor	11.00	
Janitor	50.00	
Synod	188.09	
Cleaning supplies	2.14	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3356.72	3356.72
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1940		182.09

Church Debt ..... 7077.66  
Building Fund ... 363.79



# MEN'S MINISTRY

## **Fellowship Breakfast - January 25th**

Adults and youth, men and women, are welcome to join us for our next Fellowship Breakfast hosted by Men's Ministry on Saturday, January 25th beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Great Room with a hearty breakfast. Following the meal, we'll hear the story of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) shared by Tim Morton, the area director for FCA in Oakland County. The FCA "seeks to make disciples through their strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same." He speaks of the need to energize young people in faith in a similar fashion to that of athletic practice! It promises to be an informative and motivating morning for people of all ages! Please sign-up on the bulletin board located in the Town Square by January 20th. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

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## **RED WINGS FAITH NIGHT - JANUARY 23**

**The Faith Night event is sponsored by Men's ministry, but ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. Make it a family event.**

***Men's Ministry 2025 Kick-Off for Redeemer's 100th Anniversary***

**Join us at Little Caesar's Arena on Thursday, January 23rd for a very special event!**

An inspirational concert followed by an exciting game against the Montreal Canadiens! We have a block of seats in the upper bowl near center ice.

**Ticket prices are \$65 each.**

*For more information, contact Gary Priskorn (248.561.2641) or Jon Duff (248.214.9037).*

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# **JAMS MINISTRY**

## **JAMS GAME NIGHT - MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**

Save the date for **Friday, January 24th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm!** We'll do lots of fun things... Aliens in the Church, dodgeball, ice cream sundaes, pizza, and MORE! Permission slips are outside Laura's office or on the Church Website! Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions - we hope all middle schoolers can join us!

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# **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Scamper Camps 2025!**

Programming is open to children who are 2-years old (as of January 1st, 2025) through 5-years old. Once kids have gone off to kindergarten, they are too old to come back. Sign-ups will start in February - please contact Nicole Olds with any questions!

**Redeemer's Vacation Bible School 2025**

VBS will take place June 16-20! All children in Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome to attend - teens, teachers, and parent volunteers will be needed to make the week fun for all! Contact Nicole Olds if you are interested in helping out this summer!

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## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - JANUARY SCHEDULE

**TONIGHT: 7:00-9:00pm**

*Meet in the Youth Room*

**\*EARLY-BIRD RETREAT SIGN-UP  
DEADLINE!**

**January 13th: FOG, 5:00-8:00pm**

*Meet in the Kitchen*

**January 15th: Core Group, 6:00-  
8:00pm**

*Meet in the Youth Room*

**\*JANUARY 19TH: NO MEETING!**

**January 22nd: Core Group, 6:00-  
8:00pm**

*Meet in the Youth Room*

**January 26th: , 7:00-9:00pm**

*Meet in the Youth Room*

**\*RETREAT SIGN-UP DEADLINE!**

**“redeemer\_y00th” ALWAYS CHECK  
INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE  
CHANGES**

## FAMILY LIFE



**We Still Do –**

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

A marriage reaffirmation ceremony for all Redeemer couples! The vow renewal ceremony will take place at 5pm in our Sanctuary followed by... Dinner & Dancing at 6:30pm at the Auburn Hills Marriott.

\$150 per couple - The cost includes the ceremony, dinner, dancing, and photography. There will also be a cash bar and special rate for those who wish to spend the night.

Kindly RSVP by Sunday 1/26 using the QR code.

Questions? Contact Laura Vowell  
([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)).

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Chicks with sticks - January 9 and 23**

New yarn coming!!!! And there is interest in crocheting which has taken Europe by storm. We know how!!!! Come and learn.

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## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - JANUARY 28

Women's Book Group **will meet again January 28, 2025**, at which time we will review **“Frozen River”** by Ariel Lawhon. .

***The Frozen River*** by Ariel Lawhon, winner of the NPR book of the year and the GMA book of the year. Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. The Frozen River is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day. Join us by the fire at 7:30pm and share your thoughts on this exciting new read.

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## **SOUP'S ON!**

**Mark your calendars!** Cooking with our own Donna Hollis is a date on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00p.m. Share two delicious soups, accompanied by a gourmet salad all made with the talented hands of Donna Hollis on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 in the Great Room. We will have some nibbles to enjoy while we wait for soup and a finger dessert to finish off the evening.

There will be limited space so please get on the sign up list early. A free will donation will be taken. Your generosity appreciated! Questions? Call Kitty!

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## **REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS**

### **BIBLE STUDY:**

*First Thursday of Every Month*

### **MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS**

### **CHURCH LUNCHES:**

*Once a Month after Church*

**YOUNG BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 9**  
**YOUNG ADULT LUNCH - JANUARY 19**

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

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## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

"Don't Give the Enemy A Seat At Your Table," Louie Giglio. Social media has power for good and evil. We are often unsuspecting about how much influence this media has over the way we process our thoughts and manage ourselves. What if we could end the cycles of endless criticism, negative thinking and take back the authority over our own thoughts? We were made for challenging circumstances but things can get in our way.....why not join in with positive, God-driven reminders of who we are and who our lives belong to.....Streaming video, good friends, study begins on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 in the Great Room!** From all of us in women's bible study....Happy New Year and many blessings to all of you!

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## **POSITIVE PARENTING**

Join us for conversation and community in Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting. We meet from **9:15-10:45am 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.

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# **BIBLE STUDIES**

## **SUNDAYS**

**Adult Bible Study** - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans  
*All-year after 9:00am Worship Service - Scheidt Room*

**New Member Class** - Laura Vowell  
*(Annually in the Fall) - Great Room*

**Children's Sunday School** - Nicole Olds  
*10:30am - Lower-Level classrooms*

**RYG** (High School) - Gia & Eric  
*7:00pm - Youth Room*

## **TUESDAYS**

**Adult Bible Study** - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible  
*9:30am - Great Room*

**Women's Bible Study** - Kitty Sweitzer  
*6:30pm - Great Room (\*4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm)*

## **WEDNESDAYS**

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

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

**Confirmation Classes** - Laura Vowell  
*6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms*

**Core Group** (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt  
*6:00-8:00pm - Youth Room*

## **THURSDAYS**

**Young Adults** - Michael Banerian's (3217 Maplewood, RO)  
*6:30-8:00pm - 1st Thursday of Every Month*

**Community Bible Study** - Andrea Schlak - Moses and the book of Exodus  
*9:30-11:00am - Great Room*  
*\*Begins January 9th!*

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

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

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Community Bible Study is back for the winter. Please join us on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am** to study Moses and the book of Exodus with Andrea Schlak.

We will take another look at a familiar story and hopefully learn something new and apply it to our lives today. Any questions contact Andrea [schlakandrea@gmail.com](mailto:schlakandrea@gmail.com)

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## FAMILY CAMPING FOND MEMORIES BY JENNIFER DOBRING

**F**amily Camping,  
**A**lways an adventure!  
**M**inistering to our kids  
**I**n the company of other families  
**L**earning about Jesus through devotions  
**Y**ogi Bear movies

**C**anoeing, kayaking,  
**A**ctivities, games and slushy runs.  
**M**any s'mores by the campfire!  
**P**itching tents and campers too  
**I**ncredible lasting memories  
**N**urtured friendships  
**G**reat Christian family fun!



*Written for Family Life Ministry for the  
100th Anniversary*

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## HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS

located in the Town Square!

We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change each month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer.

## Ask Me About.....

During our anniversary year, you will see our church staff and volunteers wearing buttons that invite you to ask them about our vast array of ministries here at Redeemer.

***Please ask them questions,  
they are very excited to share!***

## Save The Date

**Sunday, June 1st** is our 100th Anniversary celebratory church service and congregational luncheon. We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer leading worship that morning and Kitty Sweitzer, along with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal.

## COUNSELING

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

**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 FEBRUARY 5

Meetings will resume **Wednesday, February 5th 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.



## 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.**

***\*Updated Interest Rate sheets are available around the building.***

### **Request from the Holy History Committee:**

If anyone has Black, Silver or Gold picture frames that they would like to donate to the history committee it would be very helpful! Sizes needed would be 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 11 x 14. Thanks in advance!

### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS**

February 12

### **BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS**

January 22

March 26



## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Andrea Swoyer
- Mike Gillette, friend of the Lagoe family
- Bill & Suzy Oberman, Christine Atesian & Andrea Calvaeso's family
- David Peterson
- Keith C.
- Randall Jacobs
- John and Jan, friends of Bruce Helmke
- Bill and his family, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- Marcie, Bonnie Erneweins' sister
- Melissa
- Dorthy, Friend of Bruce Helmke
- Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- Tom Gray
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation
- Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia
- Albert Shaheen
- Doug Wuggazer

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 suffering from the wild fires in California

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.***

***PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to be notified when a Congregation member is called to their heavenly home, please email the Church Office at [office@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberirmingham.org) and we will add you to our email list.***

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

<b>January 12</b> Genesis 26:17-27:46 Matthew 9:1-17 Psalm 10:16-18 Proverbs 3:9-10	<b>January 13</b> Genesis 28:1-29:35 Matthew 9:18-38 Psalm 11:1-7 Proverbs 3:11-12	<b>January 14</b> Genesis 30:1-31:16 Matthew 10:1-23 Psalm 12:1-8 Proverbs 3:13-15	<b>January 15</b> Genesis 31:17-32:12 Matthew 10:24-11:6 Psalm 13:1-6 Proverbs 3:16-18
<b>January 16</b> Genesis 32:13-34:31 Matthew 11:7-30 Psalm 14:1-7 Proverbs 3:19-20	<b>January 18</b> Genesis 37:1-38:30 Matthew 12:22-45 Psalm 16:1-11 Proverbs 3:27-32	<b>January 17</b> Genesis 35:1-36:43 Matthew 12:1-21 Psalm 15:1-5 Proverbs 3:21-26	

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