

SPIRITUAL ABUSE



**Don't Worry! This Is Not A
Stewardship Sermon!**

January 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 19, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Theme: Spiritual Abuse

As We Gather

Jesus wants His church to be pure and holy. So says the Apostle Paul when he taught the Christians at Ephesus that the Lord desires His church to have “no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:27). Most Bible believing churches would agree that this is what Jesus wants, and this is what the church should look like.

Prayer Before Worship

Dear God, thank you that you have victoriously overcome sin, and death, and any evil that we may face today. And because of you, we are overcomers too. We too can have victory, and we can walk strong in your peace. Thank you, Lord, that You are producing in us great endurance through the hard places. You are building spiritual muscle. We press in close to your presence today and ask that no matter what obstacles we’re facing as a church, we choose joy. Keep your words of truth planted firmly within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right; give us the power to be obedient to your Word. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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

- + I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.**
- + I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.**
- + I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.**

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power - arr. Baloché

(Redeemer Praise with the Congregation)

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

(Bridge) - (Sung by Redeemer Praise)

Lord of all. You are Lord of all! Lord of all. You are Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
(Repeat Bridge)

(Tag) - (Sung by Redeemer Praise)

And crown Him Lord of all! And crown Him Lord of all!
And crown Him Lord of all!

Order of Service for Holy Communion

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

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30am

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

Children: Adeline Rose Imhoff and Charlotte Olivia Imhoff

Parents: Jacob and Emily Imhoff

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

Isaiah 1:16-18

(Do what is good)

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. "Come now, let us

settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

(Dealing with issues in the church)

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:41-44

(The widows offering)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

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 473

The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
3. The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her, false sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor, she ever shall prevail.

Sermon

Text: Mark 12:41-44

"The Sermon is on Our Gospel Reading.
Don't Worry! This is Not a Stewardship Sermon!"

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

(Please rise for the Offertory)

Offertory

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage (Hymn 283)

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

(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

Confession and Absolution - 10:30am

The Lord's Prayer

*P: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily*

bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

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

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

The Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

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

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

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

(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.

Voluntary

Jesus Does - arr. Galbraith

Redeemer Praise

(Please stand)

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*(favorite hymn of Susan Dickey, Zella Honemann, Mary Jane Johnson,
Linda Lewis, Rick Russ, Elaine Schultz, Sue Soltess, Sharon Tylenda)*

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *-Refrain*

Postlude

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by David and Rose Kiehle in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by the Carter/Klaus family in loving memory of Sarah's 18th birthday. Happy Heavenly Birthday, Sarah Elizabeth!!! *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by Pam Dundas in honor and loving memory of the birthday of Peni Pavlik Colville, from her sisters Pam Dundas and Paula Douglas.

Altar Guild

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

Elders Assisting with Communion

Rick Russ and Eric Stein

Acolytes

10:30 - JD and Mickey Kamm

Reader

Pamela Dundas

Ushers

9:00 - Ken Baetz, captain; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring,
Bruce Helmke, Tom Boyce

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

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Endress

10:30 - David Hamada and Bruce Helmke

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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.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 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
is hosted by The Hollis
family in
Loving Memory of Fred
Hollis

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

11:30am - Young Adult Lunch

scan QR
code to
donate



CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF

Any donations made to help those impacted by the California fires will be matched by Redeemer up to \$3,000 and donated to Samaritan's Purse who mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of disasters. Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** and put **"California Fires"** in the memo line, or pay online with the QR code.

NOTE: QR code will not be enabled until next week (mid-week)!

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. 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.. Your book "Through These Doors" will be 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!

A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

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.

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

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!**



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!



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.*

ALTAR FLOWERS - 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."*

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST

8TH GRADE FAMILIES: Interested in enrolling your son or daughter at Lutheran High Northwest for next year? See below for some important dates and deadlines to keep on your radar this month! If you have any questions or would like to arrange a family visit and/or student shadow day, please call our Admissions Director, Mary Gutenkunst, at 248-852-6677, or email mgutenkunst@lhsa.com. We're happy to be a resource for your family as you prayerfully consider your high school options for next year!

We are hosting an **8TH GRADE INTRO NIGHT** on **Wednesday, January 22, at 7PM**. This fun evening provides an official welcome to 8th graders already registered or considering Lutheran Northwest for next year.

If you haven't yet applied and are ready to take that step, our application fee is at its lowest (\$200) through the end of January, but it will increase to \$250 on February 1. The application is quick and easy and can be completed online: www.lutherannorthwest.com/apply.



REDEEMER'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

This will be a keepsake for you and others.
Is your information up to date?

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.

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.*

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!!!

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 confirmands)

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

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

20 MON	21 TUES	22 WED	23 THURS	24 FRI	25 SAT
<p>Martin Luther King Jr Day</p> <p>7p Worship</p> <p>8p Al Anon</p> <p>8p Love of Life</p>	<p>9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6:45a Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:15a Positive Parenting</p> <p>6p Confirmation RYG Core Group</p> <p>6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00p Board of Elders Meeting</p>	<p>6:30a BNI Meeting</p> <p>9:30a Community Bible Study</p> <p>1:00p Chicks with Sticks</p> <p>4:30p Red Wings Faith Night</p> <p>6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball</p> <p>7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>10:00a Small Group Bible Study</p> <p>5:30p JAMS Game Night</p>	<p>8:00a Men's Breakfast</p>

SAVE THE DATES

MORE DETAILS
TO COME!
WATCH FOR
DETAILS IN
FUTURE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

women's
retreat

For more information and to
register, scan QR code



March 01, 2025
9:30am-3pm
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
1345 Gratiot Avenue. Detroit, MI 48207

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

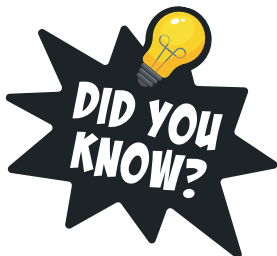
Save-the-date for our upcoming Orientation Meeting for mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina!

**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!

February 10th

March 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	420.00	
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.

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

RED WINGS FAITH NIGHT - JANUARY 23

**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).*

PRIME TIMERS EVENT
SAVE THE DATE

WHY'S IT CALLED THAT?

February 16, 2025 from 2-5pm

Bailey Sisoy Moore,

Owner of Detroit Historical Tours

More Details Coming soon!

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!

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!

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - JANUARY SCHEDULE

NO MEETING TONIGHT!
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).

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.

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.

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!

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

BIBLE STUDY:

First Thursday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHES:

Once a Month after Church

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH - TODAY

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

Young Adult Seminar

Salt Lutheran Church in Troy, MI

The seminar is Saturday, January 25, from 10am to noon. It is presented by Dr. Mark Nimtz. This is open to young adults 18-35 and will look at life skills, coping in today's society, and growing in Christ. If you would like to attend, we would prefer a call at 248/879-6400 or you may send an email to churchoffice@saltchurch.net.

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!

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.

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!*

NO STUDY ON JANUARY 23

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!

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

FAMILY CAMPING FOND MEMORIES BY JENNIFER DOBRING

Family Camping,
Always an adventure!
Ministering to our kids
In the company of other families
Learning about Jesus through devotions
Yogi Bear movies

Canoeing, kayaking,
Activities, games and slushy runs.
Many s'mores by the campfire!
Pitching tents and campers too
Incredible lasting memories
Nurtured friendships
Great Christian family fun!

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

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. This month we are celebrating Family Life Ministry.

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!***

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! A labeled box this afternoon in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off - if you're able to add a note about the dropbox, that would be appreciated.



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.



CEF

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.***

Baptism

In honor of the baptisms of **Felix Vazquez, Adeline and Charlotte Imhoff**, a \$50 donation in each of their names has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or carenetberkley.com. Also, by the generous donation in memory of Rosa Stauffer, a few drops of water from the Jordan River have been added to the baptismal water.

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

- The Family and friends of Albert Shaheen

For those with health concerns:

- Andrea Swoyer
- Dale, friend of the Eley's
- Amy Wargelin
- Hanna, friend of the Johnson's
- Marilyn Staargaard
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Mike Gillette, friend of the Lagoe family
- Bill & Suzy Oberman, family of Christine Atesian & Andrea Calvaeso
- David Peterson
- Keith C.
- Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Jim Zeer, friend of Myrna Orava
- Joe Lagoe
- Kay Trombat
- Frank Rosenzweig

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia
- 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 wildfires in California

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
- We welcome through baptism, Felix Vazquez, son of Allison (Kurnat) and Jonathan Vasquez. and Charlotte and Adeline Imhoff, daughter of Jacob and Emily Imhoff, who were baptized on Saturday and today respectively.

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 and we will add you to our email list.

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

January 19

Genesis 39:1-41:16
Matthew 12:46-13:23
Psalm 17:1-15
Proverbs 3:33-35

January 20

Genesis 41:17-42:17
Matthew 13:24-46
Psalm 18:1-15
Proverbs 4:1-6

January 21

Genesis 42:18-43:34
Matthew 13:47-14:12
Psalm 18:16-36
Proverbs 4:7-10

January 22

Genesis 44:1-45:28
Matthew 14:13-36
Psalm 18:37-50
Proverbs 4:11-13

January 23

Genesis 46:1-47:31
Matthew 15:1-28
Psalm 19:1-14
Proverbs 4:14-19

January 24

Genesis 48:1-49:33
Matthew 15:29-16:12
Psalm 20:1-9
Proverbs 4:20-27

January 25

Genesis 50:1-26 -
Exodus 1:1-2:10
Matthew 16:13-17:9
Psalm 21:1-13
Proverbs 5:1-6

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100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BUS TOUR – AUGUST 12 – 15, 2025
Redeemer is hosting a 100th Anniversary Celebration Bus Tour to
picturesque Lancaster, PA.

There we will tour the Dutch countryside and experience the Amish lifestyle, along with a visit to the SIGHT & SOUND MILLENNIUM THEATRE where we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "NOAH" will come alive with spectacular and captivating music, special effects and I guarantee, one of God's most creative and unique "passenger manifests" imaginable! Families, young & "young at heart" are welcome.

Details posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet & on posters around Redeemer. LAMP will have more detailed information. ***If interested, an informational gathering will be held on Sunday, February 2nd in the Great Room during coffee hour.*** This tour has limited capacity (52), early registration and deposit are encouraged. Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685