



WRESTLIN' FOR A BLESSIN'

August 2, 2026
9:00am / 10:30am

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 West Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 2, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Don't Give Up

As We Gather

At the start of our Old Testament Reading, Jacob is completely alone. He has sent his family, servants, and possessions across the river to face potential danger, leaving him alone in the dark. How often do we find ourselves in the same place? We exhaust all our own human plans, our manipulation, and our scheming, only to find ourselves in the dark, wrestling with our circumstances, our guilt, and our fears. The darkness is often the very place where God meets us.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, I submit my will, mind, and heart to You. My desire is to worship You in every area of my life. Teach me how to worship You with my mind. As I fill my mind with the truth of Your Word, may my thoughts honor You. You have called me to set my heart and mind on things above, not earthly things. My desire is to live with an eternal perspective. Today, I choose to meditate on Your goodness and faithfulness. I will choose to remember and thank You for all that You have done for me. This is my act of worship. I also submit my emotions to You. Even when I don't feel Your presence, teach me to cling to Your promises, not my feelings. In Jesus' name, I pray. 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*

Opening Hymn 339 - 9:00am

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
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Song of Praise! - 10:30am

Fairest Lord Jesus – New Life Worship

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature; Oh Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows; Fairer still the woodland, Robed in the blooming
garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Bridge

*You are fairer than the fairest of ten thousand! Lovelier than all I've ever
seen!*

You are brighter than the brightest star in heaven!

Jesus, you're everything to me! Jesus, you're everything to me!

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry
host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer; Than all the angels Heav'n can
boast. *(Repeat Bridge)*
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of man.
Glory and Honor, praise adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Order of Service for Holy Communion

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

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P&C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner,
confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of
the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

(Wrestling with God)

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Epistle Reading

Romans 9:1-5

(Paul's Anguish Over Israel)

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

(Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand)

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and

broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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

Sermon Hymn

I Will Not Let Thee Go

1. I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me, Lord!
To wrestle thus, I know, brings blessed sweet reward.
In this mind now I stand, hear Thou me when I pray
My cry to Thee ascend: O bless me, Lord, this day!
2. In rev'ence I do bow, here in Thy temple, Lord.
Thy servant enters now with Thy eternal word;
My heart and soul are still and ready to obey.
Reveal to me Thy will, O bless me, Lord, this day!

Sermon

Text: Genesis 32:22-31

“Wrestlin’ for a Blessin’”
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

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.

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 Red Hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

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.

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, raise your pointer finger.***

Communion Anthem

9:00am

Bouree' – Bach

Andrea Kreit, *Violin*

10:30am

Trust in God – Elevation Worship
Redeemer Praise

The Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation:
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
A Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be,
World without end, Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

*(Favorite Hymn of Rosemary Ging, Sherry Higgins,
Greg Merryman, Mark Schulz, Sue Soltess)*

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

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Sanctuary Altar Flowers are placed by David Hamada in loving memory of Beth Hamada on her birthday. *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are placed by Lynn Mee Duerr. *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed by Tom Eley in celebration of Kathy's birthday.

Altar Guild

Kim Martin, Kathy Eley, Karen Pridmore, Rose Kiehle, Megan Rettray,
Bev Yocum, Tina Conte, Katre Klow, Heather Calvaneso, Emily Imhoff,
Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski, Hannah Bienkowski

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - Jim Endress
10:30am - David Hamada and David Hardoin

Elders Assisting with Communion

9:00am & 10:30am - Rudy Becker, Rick Russ, and Andy Tafel

Greeters

9:00am - Rudy Becker and Ryan Miller
10:30am - Rudy Becker, and The Vowell Family

Readers

9:00am - Kristen Rolf
10:30am - Sharon Tylenda

Ushers

9:00am - Ken Baetz, *Captain*; Tom Boyce, Paul Chesna,
Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke
10:30am - Bob Meyer, *Captain*; Brad Baldner, Ron Curcio,
Matt Pedersen, Ben Sinko, Jim Staargaard, Ryan Teahan

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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, 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

August 2, 2026



**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 - The Chapel of Mary
Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

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

10:30am Livestreamed Service

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

MONDAY

7:00pm - The Chapel of Mary
Communion - Monday that falls after
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

REDEEMER NURSERY

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY!

Do you ever feel unworthy of love?
Do you have a sense of being
worthless and unimportant? Do you
matter? Does God even care? Are
you worthy of His love? We will talk
about how to live not according to
self-worthiness, but how God views
you and counts you worthy!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



ATTENTION PLEASE!

**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
during worship.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.
Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors**

MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!

Join us this summer on Monday evenings for fellowship!

Fellowship includes light dinner, dessert, and refreshments.

Meet at 6:30pm outside the Chapel, and stay for worship at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Kim Davis and Fellowship Ministry is hosting on Monday, August 10th.

Join us for a Summertime Picnic!
Jersey Mike's Sub Sandwiches
Chips - Dessert

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!

Looking for a new way to serve? The Church Office is looking for volunteers to help with light clerical duties, computer work, and special projects. Whether you can offer a few hours each week or serve occasionally, your help makes a meaningful difference in the ministries of our congregation. ***Contact the Church Office to learn more!***

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE!

Son of the congregation, Pastor Mark Bushuiakovish, has accepted the call to be our Associate Pastor! Pastor Mark has served as Associate Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, Tennessee for the last 3-1/2 years. Details about his Invocation Service at Redeemer will be announced in the coming weeks. With grateful hearts, we thank God for answering our prayers and sending us Pastor Mark. May the Lord continue to bless, strengthen, and guide this new season of ministry at Redeemer!

HOMEcoming CHURCH PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE!

As summer comes to a close, be sure to save the date, and join us for our Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, September 13th at 11:30am!

Reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and celebrate the start of a new season of ministry with good food, fellowship, and activities for the kids!

**MISSION BBQ - CHICKEN SHACK - KONA ICE - ICE CREAM CART
FACEPAINTING - BALLOON ANIMALS - BOUNCE CASTLE - NINJA RUN**

Volunteers are needed to help make the picnic a success! Please reach out to Kim Davis with questions or for more information (248-613-4200).

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES ON SALE!

The Lutheran Study Bible on is on sale - normally \$64.99 down to \$48.74! Church has ordered 10 copies - if you are interested in purchasing one, please call the Church Office. You can also purchase directly from Concordia Publishing House by using the discount code: *BIBLES26***.**

The Lutheran Study Bible helps you grow in your understanding of God's Word with comprehensive notes, prayers, and a reading plan. It's the first Bible in English to be developed with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by theologians and pastors from more than twenty Lutheran church bodies. Current scholarship, insights from Church Fathers, and rich devotional commentary help both new and mature Christians learn about God's Word.

REDEEMER NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK NIGHT RESCHEDULED!



The baseball game that was scheduled for July 17th at UWM is rescheduled to August 8th at 5:00pm. Gates will open and the meal starts at 4:00pm. There is a double header that evening, so if you are so inclined you can stay for 2 games! Use the QR code to buy tickets.

Contact **Nicole Olds** with any questions.

A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

HOLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and we will be sure to accommodate your request.



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.

*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!
- Acolyte or Cross Bear!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering



ALL paper sign-up 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!



***What is a Mystery Prelude?
Scan the QR code to sign-up!***



DONATION INFORMATION



If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code 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!!



HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Grab your family or friends and **HOST** a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just **HOST** for FUN! We have clear instructions and someone who can help you through the process! Sign-up on the Coffee Hour Sign-Up under the Ways to Serve option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Tiffany Florist provides beautiful flowers to the church each week for worship, sponsored by congregation members. Rates are as follows:

**Sanctuary: \$75 - Chapel: \$55
Lectern: \$35**

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or sign-up online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.

****NOTE: Sanctuary and Lectern flowers can be taken home after 10:30am worship on Sunday, and Chapel flowers after Monday night worship.***

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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 with the FOG Sponsorship.

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board.

NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate sign up to sponsor a meal (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook, or serve the meal.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

August 12
September 9

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

September 23

GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK Redeemer Columbarium



If you would like more information on the Columbarium, you will find brochures located around the building. You can also call Glen Eden directly at 248-477-4460.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Camp Restore
Restoring Faith, Home and Community

JOIN CAMP RESTORE DETROIT ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A SERVICE DAY!

People of all ages are welcome - individuals, families, and groups - come alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know beforehand...

- Volunteers will serve 9:30am-3:00pm.
- Bring a sack lunch and water bottle.
- Dress for the work and the weather. Some projects may be outside.

For more information, contact Tanya Karn at tanya@camprestore.org or 313-636-4422 ex.1.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Christian Counseling services are offered at Redeemer by Dr. Sandy. For more information, contact her directly.
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040

JOIN US FOR PRAYER!

JOIN REDEEMER'S NEW PRAYER GROUP! We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Church Library or via Zoom.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

- Friday, August 7th
 - Friday, August 21st
- *All meetings take place in-person in the Library or online via Zoom!***

Need more information or have additional questions? Please contact Cheryl Carr (cherylcarr1222@yahoo.com) or Sue Helderop (sue.helderop@gmail.com).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

3 MON

9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study
6:30p Monday Night Fellowship
7p Worship
7:30p Al Anon
7:30p Love of Life

4 TUES

6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

5 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
6:30p Young Adult's Bible Study
8p Patriarchs Life Group

6 THURS

6:30a BNI Networking Group
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

7 FRI

9:30a Summer in the Spirit
12p Prayer Group

8 SAT

11a Baptism
2p Baptism

REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds
During 9:00am and 10:30am Worship - Playground

MONDAYS

Moms in the Word - Crissy Bienkowski
9:15-10:45am - Library

WEDNESDAYS

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

RYG Core Group (High School)

Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski
6:00-8:00pm - Youth Room

Young Adults

Ryan Teahan (248-977-8015) - Library
6:30-8:00pm - First Wednesday of Every Month

The Patriarchs

Brandon Movitz (248-421-9226)
8:00-9:00pm - Great Room
Life Group/Study Group - Alternating Weeks

THE PATRIARCHS

We are a group of husbands and fathers with a goal of growing in our faith, building a strong community of Christian men, and discussing how we can lead our families in faith. Join us at one of our next meetings!

- **Life Group:** Focused on applying faith in everyday life and building community. **(AUGUST 5, 19; SEPTEMBER 2)**
- **Patriarchs Study Group:** Grow in faith through Scripture, Christian books, and learning and deepening understanding together. **(AUGUST 12, 26; SEPTEMBER 9)**

Come when you can! Questions? Contact **Brandon Movitz** (248-421-9226).

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT!

Come grow in God's Word, build friendships, and enjoy the summer season in a welcoming outdoor setting. Join us on the church playground, where families and children are invited to gather for a morning of faith, fun, and fellowship. All ages are welcome! We will have two Bible studies - one for the littles and another for bigger kids.

We will meet on Fridays from 9:30-11:00am on the following dates:
August 7, 21

Reach out to **Victoria Ilitch** with any questions (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com)!

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 victories and challenges.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom. As the summer winds down, so will our study of Genesis - we'll soon move on to James! Contact **Gary Priskorn** with questions or for the Zoom information - hope you'll join us!

MOMS IN THE WORD STUDY

Moms in the Word will continue this summer! Join us tomorrow **Monday, August 3rd** as we jump into our new series on "The Prophets." See you in the Library at 9:15am!

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS! CHURCH LUNCHES!

Once a Month after Church

Contact **Ryan Teahan** (248-977-8015) to learn more and get involved!

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

August 2

2 Chronicles 32:1-33:13
Romans 15:23-16:9
Psalm 25:16-22
Proverbs 20:16-18

August 3

2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33
Romans 16:10-27
Psalm 26:1-12
Proverbs 20:19

August 4

2 Chronicles 35:1-36:23
1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Psalm 27:1-6
Proverbs 20:20-21

August 5

Ezra 1:1-2:70
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5
Psalm 27:7-14
Proverbs 20:22-23

August 6

Ezra 3:1-4:23
1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4
Psalm 28:1-9
Proverbs 20:24-25

August 7

Ezra 4:24-6:22
1 Corinthians 3:5-23
Psalm 29:1-11
Proverbs 20:26-27

August 8

2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21
Romans 15:1-22
Psalm 25:1-15
Proverbs 20:13-15

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER SUNDAY TEACHERS!

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL BUT FELT NERVOUS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?
WE'D LOVE TO SHOW YOU WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE!

Join us on Sunday, August 30th during Coffee Hour (10:00-10:30am) to meet some of our current teachers, ask questions, and take a look at the curriculum. It's a relaxed, no-pressure opportunity to see if this ministry might be a good fit for you!

School-year Sunday School will be held during BOTH 9:00am and 10:30am services throughout the year!

To learn more or sign-up, please contact Nicole Olds.

REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER CORE GROUP

Our Sunday RYG gatherings have wrapped for the school year, but plan to join us for Core Group!

Come hang out on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer from 6:00-8:00pm!

Incoming freshmen, outgoing seniors, and college kids are welcome!



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES

CORE GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON AUGUST 5TH OR 12TH BECAUSE OF KAMP AND THE YOUTH CEDAR POINT TRIP! JOIN US AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH!

SUMMER JAMS!



Middle Schoolers (kids entering grades 6-8) are hanging out on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm ALL SUMMER LONG at NO COST!

JAMS WILL NOT MEET ON AUGUST 5TH OR 12TH BECAUSE OF KAMP AND THE YOUTH CEDAR POINT TRIP!

Join us at our next get together on **Wednesday, August 19th** - meet on the playground for a pizza dinner and then head inside for games! Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER POP-UP BIBLE STUDY

We had a great lesson last pop-up and enjoyed sharing in conversation around the table at my home. So...let's do that again! Bring your Bible, a heart for the word, an appetizer, and we will meet at Kitty's home on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30pm.

Please RSVP to Kitty to let her know you plan to come!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AND BBQ **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 - 3:00PM**

3:00pm - Golf at Lincoln Hills
5:30pm - BBQ at Beverly Park

Join just for golf, just for dinner - or BOTH!
Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board!

MINISTRY IMPACT TOUR AND LUNCH

Camp Restore Detroit
Restoring Hope

MINISTRY IMPACT TOUR & LUNCH

August 29, 2026

Opening at 10:00AM

Followed by a Bus Tour of Ministry In Detroit & Lunch

Camp Restore Detroit's Warren Campus
8150 Chapp Ave. Warren, MI 48089

Camp Restore invites Redeemer members to learn more, collaborate, pray, and plan for the transformative, Christ-centered work happening in Detroit with a tour and lunch!

Please RSVP to Jon Duff no later than Friday, August 7th if you'd like to attend (248-214-9037 or duffjon53@gmail.com).

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

- For the family and friends of Barb Morrell.
- For the family and friends of Rose Leonetti.

For those with health concerns:

- Julie Straitmans
- Carol Romeo
- Marilyn Day
- Fran, friend of the congregation
- Cherisse Baetz
- Sue Warren, Mary Jane Johnson's sister-in-law
- Leanna Bush
- Trisha Morgan, sister of Margaret Loose
- Krista Falk
- Bill Vanderhoef
- Ron Ging
- Pat Nehls

For those in hospice care:

- Jackie
- Sharon McCaffrey
- Ron Pflieger

Special petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police, and firefighters.
- For President Trump 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.
- Julie, a friend of the congregation, who is traveling with Samaritan's Purse to the Congo to fight Ebola.

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

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

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