

# AMAZING GRACE RACE!



**“For by grace you have been  
saved through faith. And this is  
not your own doing; it is the gift  
of God, not a result of works, so  
that no one may boast.”  
Ephesians 2:8–9**

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

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**August 9, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Theme: Grace**

**As We Gather**

Sleep, school, work, eat, repeat. This is the story for many of us. In this crazy season of life, it's easy to think we must do it all. And, many of the things we do, we do because we must in order to survive. As people living in a world so consumed by comparing success in our work, it can be discouraging when we see others doing better than us. At the end of the day, we want people to recognize us and see us as successful. We crave the validation of those around us. If we want anything in life, we must work for it. All we know to do is work. Yet, Jesus tells us that there's one thing in this world that we don't (and frankly, can't) work for.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Heavenly Father, how I praise and thank You for Your goodness and grace toward me. I pray that I may never forget the amazing grace that I received, in that while I was yet a sinner, fulfilling the desires of my mind and flesh, Christ died for me. Thank You that You have not judged me according to my own sin, for I would not stand the scrutiny of Your perfect righteousness, but Christ was judged in my place and punished for my sin. Just as He was identified with all my sin, so I am identified with His perfect righteousness, through time and into eternity, simply by trusting in Him. I pray that I may live the rest of my life with a grateful heart of thanksgiving and praise. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

**Prelude**

Peter Neumann

**Song of Praise!**

This Is Amazing Grace – Riddle, Farro, Wickham

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings.

**Chorus:**

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross;  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free,  
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.*

3. Who brings our chaos back into order,  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings.
4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings. *Chorus*

*Bridge:*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain – worthy, worthy, worthy!*

*Repeat Chorus*

### **Order of Service - Spoken**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*(Following the Baptism, worship continues with the Kamp Medley.)*

Child: Simone Isabel Harris

Parents: Alex Harris and Emelia Scheidt

Sponsors: Gia Scheidt and Thomas Scheidt

*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.**

### **Kamp Medley**

Better Together, House of the Lord,  
Every Move I Make, 500 Miles

### **Children's Message**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 53:1-11

### *(Prophecy About Jesus)*

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

## **Epistle Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

### *(By Grace Through Faith)*

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

## **Gospel Announcement**

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 13:44-46

*(The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl)*

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

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

## **Sermon Song**

Amazing Grace – John Newton

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. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. 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've first begun.

## **Sermon**

Text: Matthew 13:44-46

“Amazing Grace Race”  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## **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.*

***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 Song***

Lord of the Dance – Sydney Bertram Carter

*(Favorite Hymn of Karl Bushuiakovish, Lynn Dutton, Rosemary Ging, Kris Held, Debi Hollis, Donna Hollis, Jeanne Hollis, Sean McCauley, Barbara Peterson, Pat Raezler, Judy Weir, Leslie Whitfield)*

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

*Chorus:*

*Dance then wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance said He,  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said He!*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow Me.  
I danced for the fishermen for James and John;  
They came with Me and the dance went on. *Chorus*
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me on high,  
And they left Me there on a Cross to die. *Chorus*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on. *Chorus*
5. They cut Me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never never die!  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance said He! *Chorus*

### ***Silent Prayer***

### ***Postlude***

Peter Neumann

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*Sanctuary Altar Flowers* are placed by Sara and Graham Ritter. *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are placed by Keith Lewis in celebration of Linda's birthday. *Sanctuary Pulpit Flowers* are placed by The Scheidt Family in honor of their granddaughter, Simone Isabel Harris "Sonny's" baptism.

*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 - Greg Merryman  
10:30am - David Kiehle and Greg Merryman

*Greeters*

9:00am - Jennifer and Jeff Pratt, and Laura and Walter Vowell  
10:30am - Susan Semlow, and The Trescone Family

*Reader*

10:30am - Sharon Tylenda

*Ushers*

9:00am - Jim Grove, *Captain*; Jim Endress, Cindy Grove, David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Peter Pridmore, Eric Stein  
10:30am - Karl Bushuiakovish, *Captain*; Greg Bloom, Jacob Imhoff, Ben Kamm, Scott Kamm, Brian May, John Mills

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*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, 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

**August 9, 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](http://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!

The chosen people were the descendants of Abraham. Jesus was also a descendant - a Jew. Our salvation came from the Jews! The early church was made up of mostly Jews. Why are so many Gentiles a part of God's family, but the Jews seem to be mostly absent? Rabbi Paul, a Jew, tells us that, perhaps, there will be a future where many Jews will come to trust Christ as their Messiah. Did you know, in America, there's an estimated 175,000-200,000 Messianic Jews? Worldwide, nearly 350,000-1 million Jews recognize Christ as their Lord and Savior! Why are we, mostly Gentiles, so privileged to be a part of God's family?

## 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!

**Michele Margosian and RYG are hosting on Monday, August 17th.**

***Join us for a Chinese New Year Feast!***  
***Sweet and Sour Chicken - White Rice***  
***Spring Rolls - Dessert***

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## **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!***

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## **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 Installation 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!

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## **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).***

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## **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.

# 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.**

### HOLY BAPTISM

In honor of the baptisms of **Olive Christina Doolin** and **Shea Marie Bowers**, a \$50 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. In honor of the baptism of **Simone Isabel Harris**, a \$50 in her name has been made to The Luke Clinic. The Clinic was founded as a great compassion and great commission ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 5 years ago in partnership with Family of God in Springwells, Detroit. To learn more, you can visit [www.thelukeclinic.org](http://www.thelukeclinic.org). 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.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

#### 10 MON

9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study  
5p RYG Serves at FOG  
6:30p Monday Night Fellowship  
7p Worship  
7:30p Al Anon  
7:30p Love of Life

#### 11 TUES

#### ----- "SIGHT AND SOUND" PENNSYLVANIA TRIP -----

6p Women's Pop-Up Summer Bible Study  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

#### 12 WED

JAMS & RYG Cedar Point Trip  
6:45a Men's Bible Study  
7:15p Leadership Team Meeting  
8p Patriarchs Study Group

#### 13 THURS

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

#### 14 FRI

5p Wedding Blessing

#### 15 SAT

### 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](mailto:tanya@camprestore.org) or 313-636-4422 ex.1.**

### 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 21st
- September 4th
- \*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](mailto:cherylcarr1222@yahoo.com)) or Sue Helderop ([sue.helderop@gmail.com](mailto:sue.helderop@gmail.com)).

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

August 12

September 9

#### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

September 23

## 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 19; SEPTEMBER 2, 16)**
- **Patriarchs Study Group:** Grow in faith through Scripture, Christian books, and learning and deepening understanding together. **(AUGUST 12, 26; SEPTEMBER 9, 23)**

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.

**Our last meeting for the summer will be on Friday, August 21st from 9:30-11:00am - we hope you'll join us!**

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 10th** 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 9**

Ezra 8:21-9:15  
1 Corinthians 5:1-13  
Psalm 31:1-8  
Proverbs 21:1-2

#### **August 11**

Nehemiah 1:1-3:14  
1 Corinthians 7:1-24  
Psalm 31:19-24  
Proverbs 21:4

#### **August 13**

Nehemiah 5:14-7:73  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Psalm 33:1-11  
Proverbs 21:8-10

#### **August 15**

Nehemiah 9:22-10:39  
1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13  
Psalm 34:1-10  
Proverbs 21:13

#### **August 10**

Ezra 10:1-44  
1 Corinthians 6:1-20  
Psalm 31:9-18  
Proverbs 21:3

#### **August 12**

Nehemiah 3:15-5:13  
1 Corinthians 7:25-40  
Psalm 32:1-11  
Proverbs 21:5-7

#### **August 14**

Nehemiah 7:73-9:21  
1 Corinthians 9:1-18  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Proverbs 21:11-12

## 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 12TH BECAUSE OF 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 12TH BECAUSE OF 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!



### KITCHEN SCRUB DAY! (AKA "LOVING REDEEMER")

We will meet at 10:00am on Wednesday, August 12th in the kitchen to empty out the drawers and stainless steel shelves for a good scrubbing. All our food carts will also get a complete make-over. We will consolidate all the supplies, scrub out cupboards, move racks out of the pantry for a good go-behind cleaning. It sounds ambitious, but many hands make light work! Sign-up on the sheet in the Town Square bulletin board, and bring rags and a bucket. We will make a difference!



## 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!*



## **PRAYER & PRAISE LIST**

**For those grieving the loss of loved ones.**

**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
- Terry and Jean Roberts

**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.
- Special prayers for The Siebrasse Family.
- Special prayers for Toby Joeckel and Family, who lost their home in the Washington State fires.

**Prayers of thanksgiving:**

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Olive Christina Doolin, Shea Marie Bowers, and Simone Isabel Harris, whom we welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend.

***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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