



WILD OLIVE BRANCHES

August 16, 2026
9:00am / 10:30am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 16, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Wild Olive Branches

As We Gather

When God saves sinners and builds His church by passing over many of the ethnically privileged and calling to Himself many of the ethnic outcasts, He makes plain that He will not base His blessing on race or ethnicity. He is going to save people in a way that breaks the pride of the privileged and overcomes the despair of the outcast. Ethnic envy and ethnic arrogance are excluded. Indeed, we will see today that God is aggressive in His pursuit of ethnic diversity in the church. And we should be, too.

Prayer Before Worship

Dear God, You love all people. I lift up those who are lost or far from You. Please draw their hearts close, clear away their doubts, and show them Your great love and forgiveness. Give me the chance and the courage to show Your love to them every day. In My Savior's name I make this plea, 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.**

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

In celebration of our 39th wedding anniversary – this was our wedding song!
(Sponsored by Polly and Les Millichamp)

Opening Hymn 473 - 9:00am

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.
Tho' there be those that hate her, False sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.

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 and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou my inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Bridge (sung by Redeemer Praise):

*Oh Lord, be my vision, O Lord be my light;
Shine down Your light of heaven,
Breaking through my darkest night. Repeat*

4. High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, oh Ruler 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.

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 56:1-8

(Salvation for Others)

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. Blessed is the one who does this – the person who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps their hands from doing any evil." Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely exclude me from his people." And let no eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." For this is what the Lord says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant – to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." The Sovereign Lord declares – he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:11-24

(The Grafted Believers)

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

(The Faith of a Canaanite Woman)

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely And long for heav'n and home?
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Chorus:

*I sing because I'm happy – I sing because I'm free –
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

2. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Tho' by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. *Chorus*

3. Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him; From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He cares for me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He cares for me. *Chorus*

Sermon

Text: Romans 11:11-24

"Paul's Sadness"
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

Jeff Buttray

Special Music

10:30am

Redeemer Praise

Come Unto Jesus – Getty

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

(Favorite Hymn of Carolyn Becker, Jeanne Bolcer, Jeanie Buechner, Paula Butler, Jodi Curtis, Donna Hollis, Zella Honemann, Kris Leonard, Mickey Margosian, Greg Merryman, Sue Soltess, Robin Swift, Pam Tyndall, Leslie Whitfield)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me – I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord, of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

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Sanctuary Altar Flowers are placed by Sharon Tylenda. *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are placed by Polly and Les Millichamp in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary!

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 - Don Meier

10:30am - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

Elders Assisting with Communion

9:00am - David Mammel, Brian May, Rick Russ

10:30am - David Mammel, Brian May, Rick Russ

Greeters

9:00am - Jeff Gallo, and Carole and Jim Wingo

10:30am - Susan Semlow, and The Vowell Family

Ushers

9:00am - Mike Grattan, *Captain*; David Eberly, Bryan Grattan,
Ron LaLone, Rick McDonald, Eric Rolf, Andrew Tafel

10:30am - Steve Ortale, *Captain*; Blake Burstein, Tim Fithian,
Don Jackson, John Leonard, David Lychuk, Albert Madlangbayan,
Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano

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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

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**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.

SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF CARE NET!

The Giving Tree is filled with hearts to help support Crisis Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center! ❤️ Pick a heart or two, purchase the requested items, and return them to the bin by September 5. These gifts will create special "pampering" bags for women walking a difficult road—reminding them that they are valued, important, brave and loved. We're honored to help celebrate these women and the courageous choices they've made.

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**

JOIN OUR FINAL MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

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!

Music Ministry is hosting on Monday, August 24th.

Join us for an Ice Cream Social!

Enjoy ice cream and all of your favorite toppings to close out the summer!

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

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. Sign up with the QR code, on our website, or in the townsquare. Questions? please reach out to Kim Davis (248-613-4200).



LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES ON SALE!

The Lutheran Study Bible on is on sale - normally \$64.99 down to \$51! 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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

September 9
October 14

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 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) or Sue Helderop (sue.helderop@gmail.com).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

17 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

18 TUES

6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

19 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
3p Men's Golf and BBQ
8p Patriarchs Life Group

20 THURS

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

21 FRI

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

22 SAT

Nothing Scheduled

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 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 17th** 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 16

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26
1 Corinthians 10:14-33
Psalm 34:11-22
Proverbs 21:14-16

August 17

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31
1 Corinthians 11:1-16
Psalm 35:1-16
Proverbs 21:17-18

August 18

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31
1 Corinthians 11:1-16
Psalm 35:1-16
Proverbs 21:17-18

August 19

Esther 4:1-7:10
1 Corinthians 12:1-26
Psalm 36:1-12
Proverbs 21:21-22

August 20

Esther 8:1-10:3
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Psalm 37:1-11
Proverbs 21:23-24

August 21

Job 1:1-3:26
1 Corinthians 14:1-17
Psalm 37:12-29
Proverbs 21:25-26

August 22

Job 4:1-7:21
1 Corinthians 14:18-40
Psalm 37:30-40
Proverbs 21:27

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

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!

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.

JAMS AND RYG WILL BE HOSTING FALL RETREATS! STAY TUNED FOR DATES, MORE INFORMATION, AND HOW TO SIGN-UP - COMING SOON!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB!

Redeemer Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00pm in the Town Square to discuss Vicki Myron's "Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World!" On the coldest night of the year in Spencer, Iowa, at only a few weeks old, a kitten was stuffed into the return book slot of the Spencer Public Library. He was found the next morning by library director Vicki Myron, a single mother who had survived the loss of her family farm, a breast cancer scare, and an alcoholic husband. Dewey won her heart, and the hearts of the staff, by pulling himself up and hobbling on frostbitten feet to nudge each of them in a gesture of thanks and love. For the next nineteen years, he never stopped charming the people of Spencer with his enthusiasm, warmth, humility (for a cat), and, above all, his sixth sense about who needed him most. As his fame grew from town to town, then state to state and finally, amazingly, worldwide, Dewey became more than just a friend; he became a source of pride for an extraordinary Heartland farming community slowly working its way back from the greatest crisis in its long history.



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!



SUMMER TIME



PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

- The family and friends of Carl Aebersold, son of Dee Abersold, who was called to his heavenly home. Funeral services were held on Friday.
- The family and friends of Anita Hacker who was called to her heavenly home. A memorial is scheduled for November 7

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.

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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