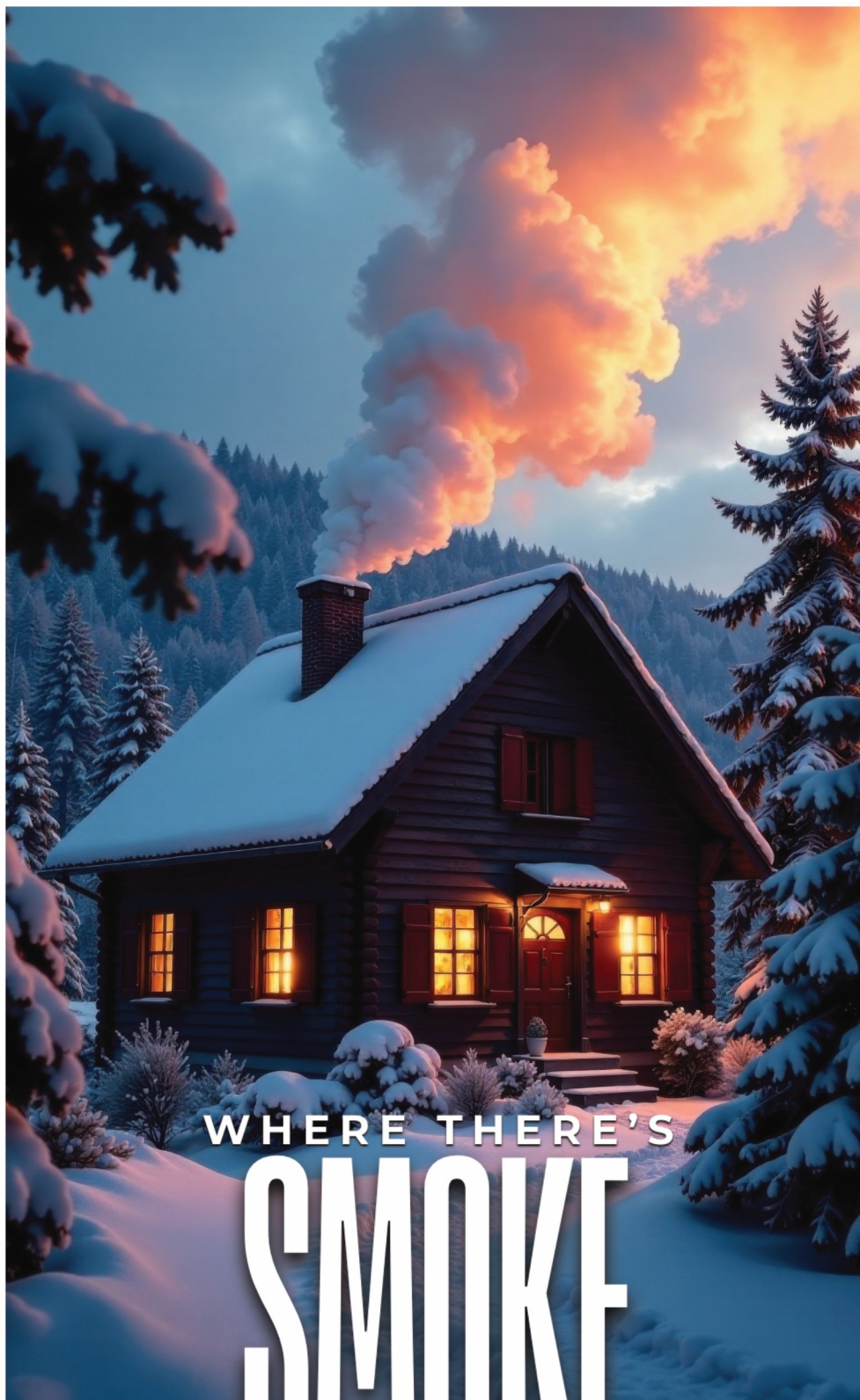




WHERE THERE'S
SMOKE
THERE'S...

August 23, 2026
9:00am / 10:30am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 23, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Good Deeds

As We Gather

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – *Ephesians 2:10*

Prayer Before Worship

May Your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

Opening Hymn - 9:00am

Thy Strong Word

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Song of Praise! - 10:30am

How Great Thou Art – Baloché

1. Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy Pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!*

2. And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Repeat Chorus Twice*

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

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

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

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

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Selected Verses from Proverbs

(Called for Good Deeds)

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. (3:27) A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. (11:25) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives. (11:30) From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward. (12:14) It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy. (14:21) Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. (19:17)

Epistle Reading

James 2:14-19

(Faith and Deeds)

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

Beautiful Savior – arr. Stephen DeCesare
Bonnie L. Brooks, *Soprano*

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

(The Sheep and The Goats)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not

clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

Sermon Hymn 400

Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy Love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

Sermon

Text: James 2:14-19

"If Faith Alone Saves, Where Does Good Deeds Fit Into Faith?"

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.

Voluntary - 10:30am

Redeemer Praise

Nobody – West

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Softly and Tenderly

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

Refrain:

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

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
3. O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

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Sanctuary Altar Flowers are placed by Aimee and Eric Stein in celebration of 13 years of marriage. *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are placed by The Laramie-Zehnder Families in loving memory of our father, Don Laramie's birthday. *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed by Lynn and Tim Duerr in celebration of their 9th 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 - Jim Perryman

10:30am - Bruce Helmke and Greg Merryman

Greeters

9:00am - Rudy Becker, and Laura and Walter Vowell

10:30am - MaryAnn and Jim Perryman, and Laura and Walter Vowell

Readers

9:00am - Loren Appold

10:30am - Benjamin Jones

Ushers

9:00am - Keith Lewis, *Captain*; Robert Artelt,
Rudy Becker, Rick Russ, Brian Vautaw

10:30am - Bob Meyer, *Captain*; Brad Baldner, Ron Curcio,
Matt Pedersen, Ben Sinko, Jim Staargaard, Ryan Teahan

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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 23, 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.

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 **Saturday, September 5th**. 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. Thank you for your support!

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**

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 on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? Please contact Kim Davis (248-613-4200).



PASTOR MARK'S INSTALLATION SERVICE - SAVE THE DATE!



Son of the congregation, Pastor Mark Bushuiakovish, has accepted the call to be our Associate Pastor!

Pastor Mark's first official day joining our staff will be September 1st, and his Installation Service will take place on **Sunday, September 27th** at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow.



This will be an opportunity to celebrate our newest addition to the history of Redeemer and his precious family. If you would be a baker, appetizer maker, or cupcake froster, please sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board. We will have a work morning on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00am-12:00pm. Set-up, serve, and clean-up on Sunday after the post celebration. Thank you to everyone who is able to help - it's sure to be a wonderful day!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!



Calling all students starting school! Bring your backpack **NEXT SUNDAY, August 30th** for a special Blessing during the **Children's Message!** And there's more! During Sunday School, we'll celebrate going back to school with some special activities - including making personalized keychains for your backpacks! Come start the school year with a reminder that God goes with you wherever you go! Questions? Contact **Laura Vowell**.

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES ON SALE!

The Lutheran Study Bible 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.

Contact Tanya Karn (313-636-4422 or tanya@camprestore.org) to learn more!

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

FAITHFUL FRIENDS!

"Faithful Friends" is a ministry at Redeemer offering support and fellowship for our "Golden Age" members who reside in assisted living or rehabilitation facilities, or are homebound. Volunteers who have a "Heart for Seniors" are paired with an older member from the congregation and establish a personal relationship with regular communication through visits, phone calls, emails, and texts. In addition, we provide support and guidance to all caregivers in the congregation. The goal of Faithful Friends is to honor our senior members, assuring them they are cherished and loved for their past contributions to the Redeemer Family.

If you know of a senior who could benefit from our ministry, or if you would like to become a Faithful Friend, please contact any member of our team: Gary Priskorn, Diane Johns, Pam Tyndall, Cheryl Carr, Marilyn Staargaard

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

24 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

25 TUES

6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball
7:30p Women's Book Group

26 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
6p RYG Core Group
6p Summer JAMS
8p Patriarchs Study Group

27 THURS

6:30a BNI Networking Group
2p Family of God Cooking
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

28 FRI

29 SAT

4:30p Wedding (Offsite)

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

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

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 James (*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. **(SEPTEMBER 2, 16)**
- **Patriarchs Study Group:** Grow in faith through Scripture, Christian books, and learning and deepening understanding together. **(AUGUST 26; SEPTEMBER 9)**
Come when you can! Questions? Contact **Brandon Movitz** (248-421-9226).

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY!

COMING SOON! Community Bible Study begins **Thursday, September 17th from 9:30-10:45am in the Great Room**. All are welcome to join us for an 8-week study of the life of the Apostle Paul. We will primarily be using the book of Acts as our guide with supporting scripture taken from the epistles. It's sure to be a great study - we hope you'll join us! Please contact **Andrea Schlak** with any questions (schlakandrea@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, we've started our new study on the book of 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 24th** 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 23

Job 8:1-11:20
1 Corinthians 15:1-28
Psalm 38:1-22
Proverbs 21:28-29

August 25

Job 16:1-19:29
1 Corinthians 16:1-24
Psalm 40:1-10
Proverbs 22:1

August 27

Job 23:1-27:23
2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11
Psalm 41:1-13
Proverbs 22:5-6

August 29

Job 31:1-33:33
2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Psalm 43:1-5
Proverbs 22:8-9

August 24

Job 12:1-15:35
1 Corinthians 15:29-58
Psalm 39:1-13
Proverbs 21:30-31

August 26

Job 20:1-22:30
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Psalm 40:11-17
Proverbs 22:2-4

August 28

Job 28:1-30:31
2 Corinthians 2:12-17
Psalm 42:1-11
Proverbs 22:7

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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!

Our last meeting for the summer is this Wednesday, August 26th - meet on the playground for a pizza dinner and then head inside for games! Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions.

SAVE THE DATE FOR JAMS AND RYG FALL RETREATS!
MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO SIGN-UP COMING SOON!

JAMS: October 2-4, Camp Skyline
RYG: October 16-18, Camp Skyline

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB!

Redeemer Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:30pm 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.



CONFIRMATION 2026-2027!

We are in the process of compiling a list of all our incoming Confirmation students for the fall.

Most children are on the Sunday School roster, but we do not want to miss anyone! If your child is entering the 6th grade and you would like to enroll him/her in Confirmation, please contact **Laura Vowell**.

If you have a child that is older or younger than 6th grade and are interested in starting him/her in the program, Laura can help with that, too!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Important Confirmation Dates!

- Year 1 Orientation: Wednesday, September 16 - 5:30pm
- Year 2 Orientation: Wednesday, September 16 - 7:00pm
- Year 3 Orientation: Sunday, September 20 - directly following the 10:30am worship service
- Classes Start: Wednesday, September 23 - 6:00-8:00pm

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- The family and friends of Jackie Seeger who was called to her heavenly home. A memorial service is scheduled for October 2.

For those with health concerns:

- Mary Jane Wolfe
- Dawn Srock
- Cherisse Baetz
- Leanna Bush
- 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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