



HOMECOMING PICNIC

September 13, 2026
9:00am / 10:30am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 13, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Godly Moods

As We Gather

Jesus experienced a wide range of intense human emotions, including sorrow, grief, deep distress, anger, exhaustion, and joy. He felt these feelings fully without letting them control Him or lead Him to sin. How does His example help us in our daily struggle where we can be overcome by emotions?

Prayer Before Worship

We have arrived today for our Homecoming Sunday, bringing a wealth of dreams, doubts, concerns, and cares with us. Some remember their long history in this congregation and are comforted by familiar faces. Others have no such associations and see this place as novel and unknown, not yet sacred to them, themselves adrift in a sea of strangers. May we find here today what each individually seeks. May all feel welcome and held. May every soul be nourished, every heart be filled, and every mind find satisfaction and peace within this Sanctuary and greater community. So may it be, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

Opening Hymn

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!

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.

Baptismal Faith Chest Blessing - 10:30am

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Selected Verses from Proverbs

(The Way of the Wise)

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. (12:25) A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. (14:30) Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. (15:30) A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel. (15:18) Prudence is a fountain of life to the prudent, but folly brings punishment to fools. (16:22) Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end. (29:11)

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:22-26

(Fruit of the Spirit)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

I Sing the Mighty Power of God – arr. Pinkston

Chancel Choir and Redeemer Brass

Brian Buckmaster and Pat Fisher, *Percussion*

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 15:8-17

(My Joy May Be in You)

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand –
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thro’ the storm, thro’ the night,
Lead me on to the light –
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near –
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall –
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Sermon

Text: Galatians 5:22-26

“What’s Your Emoji Face...I Mean...
What Does Your Thermotropic Liquid Crystal Say?”
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

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 Hymn 262

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*(Favorite Hymn of Karl Bushuiakovish, Karen Carson Bennett,
Susan Dickey, Rosemary Ging, Julie Glazier, Pastor Jimmy,
Mary Lou Mabee, Kaki Mammel Merryman, Greg Merryman,
Bonnie Moore, David Pfieger, Jane Quasarano, Nancy Tar, Alida Toth)*

1. A mighty Fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Tho' devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, they shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Redeemer Brass

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Sanctuary Altar Flowers are placed by Victoria Ilitch in joyful anticipation of another wonderful year of faith, fellowship, and friendship for Positive Parenting! *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are placed by Crissy and Larry Bienkowski in celebration of Hannah's birthday! *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed by Stacey and Eric Rolf in gratitude of 35 years of marriage and their wonderful family.

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Kathy Eley, Robin Swift, Erin Springer, Polly Millichamp, Richelle Pedersen, Liz Pedersen, Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski, Hannah Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

10:30am - Rylee Durham, Landon Kerr, Maddie Vautaw, Daniel Vella

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - Jim Endress

10:30am - Jim Endress and David Kiehle

Greeters

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

10:30am - Landon Kerr, and The SeGraves Family

Readers

10:30am - Sharon Tylenda

Ushers

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

10:30am - The Kamm Family

Scott, Hollie, Grace, Sophia, and Ellery

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your community church

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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

September 13, 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.



WELCOME AND HAPPY HOMECOMING SUNDAY!



We are delighted to gather together today as a church family! Whether you have been here every week or are returning after some time away, know that you are warmly welcomed and deeply loved. Today we celebrate God's faithfulness as we reconnect with old friends, welcome new faces, and celebrate the start of a new season of ministry together. Be sure to join us after morning worship for our annual Homecoming Picnic for good food, fellowship, and activities for the kids!

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 US NEXT WEEK FOR PET BLESSING SUNDAY!

Dogs, cats, and gerbils... OH MY! You are invited to bring your pets to church next Sunday, September 20th during both 9:00am and 10:30am services! Worship will be held outdoors on the front lawn, so bring a lawn chair, too! During the service, we'll have a special pet blessing! Coffee Hour will also be outside and will include special goodies for the animals! **Contact Pastor Randy or Laura Vowell with any questions.**



PASTOR MARK'S INSTALLATION SERVICE!



Pastor Mark's 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!

CALLING REDEEMER YOUTH!

Middle school and high school students are invited to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship with other local youth groups! Come enjoy great food, inflatables, games, and more - sign-up using the QR code.

The MIX:
Meet Up, Invite Others. Experience Fun.

**Youth
EVENT**
6TH-12TH GRADES

**SUNDAY
SEP 20**

**4:00-7:00
PM**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
& HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS**

**GAMES • INFLATABLES
FOOD • ICE CREAM
AND MORE!**
SIGN UP WITH THE QR CODE →

OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
1658 E. Lincoln St., Birmingham, MI 48009

COME HANG OUT, HAVE FUN, AND BELONG!



SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Today we celebrate the start of our new Sunday School! We have some new teachers as well as new curriculum! As a reminder, Sunday School is now offered at both 9:00am and 10:30am services.

We want to make sure everyone is included, so please fill out the registration form using the QR code.



SQUARE DANCE! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Grab your partner and join us at 5:00pm for a home cooked meal and a fun night of square dancing! No experience (or partner!) needed - there will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for everyone!

Cost is \$10 per person.

BYOB – all cowboys and cowgirls must be 21+.

Childcare is available downstairs with crafts, games, snacks, and a pizza dinner while parents dance!

Childcare is \$30 for 1 child, \$45 for 2 children, \$60 for 3 children, or \$75 for 4 children with all proceeds benefiting the High School Mission Team.

Sign-up on the church website or the Town Square bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Laura Vowell or Pastor Jimmy.



Contact Laura, Gia, or Eric with questions!

A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

HOLY COMMUNION

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



Our Sanctuary Has A Hearing Loop To Assist Those With Hearing Loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil. Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.

*Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website. Click on **"WAYS TO SERVE"** to explore volunteering opportunities at church! You can also find sign-up details on the Town Square bulletin board.*

- Be a Reader!
- Be a Greeter!
- Host a Coffee Hour!
- Acolyte or Cross Bear!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering



ALL paper sign-up sheets in the Town Square are located behind the coffee hour station in the hallway near the coatroom! Come see how you can get involved!



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



DONATION INFORMATION



If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



HOST A COFFEE HOUR

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

ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, **LITTLE ONES!** Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! **Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun.** And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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

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

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

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

FEED THE HOMELESS!

Redeemer partners with **Family of God (FOG)**, a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! **YOU** can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

- make bagged lunches,
- prepare frozen meals,
- deliver/serve a meal,
- and shop for items.

You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals with the FOG Sponsorship.

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

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

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

October 14

November 11

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.

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.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- September 18th
- October 2nd

****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).

VOLUNTEER 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 to Redeemer's ministry. **Contact the Church Office to learn more!**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

14 MON

9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study
11a Cooking for FOG
5p RYG Serves at FOG
7p Worship
7:30p Al Anon
7:30p Love of Life

15 TUES

9:15a Moms Day Out
10a Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball
6:30p Women's Bible Study

16 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Positive Parenting
6p RYG Core Group
6p Year 1 Orientation
6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30p Year 2 Orientation
8p Patriarchs Life Group

17 THURS

6:30a BNI Networking Group
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:30a Community Bible Study
1p Chicks with Sticks
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

18 FRI

9:15a Moms Day Out
12p Prayer Group

19 SAT

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Looking to dive deeper into God's Word in a relaxed, welcoming environment? Join us each **Sunday morning at 10:00am in the Scheidt Room 2** as we explore various books of the Bible. This isn't a lecture, but a opportunity for conversation where each session stands alone with no pre-reading/studying required. This fall, Kyle Churhran leads our study on the Book of John. Our first meeting is today - **Sunday, September 13th** - we hope to see you there!

MOMS IN THE WORD

Moms in the Word is excited to continue our study on "The Prophets" this fall! Join us on **Monday, September 14th in the Library at 9:15am!**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is back! Led by Tom Demrick, we will study a series entitled "Understanding the World before Jesus" where we will learn about Judaism before Christ. Questions? Contact Pastor Jimmy. **See you on Tuesday, September 15th at 10:00am in the Great Room!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We hope you will join us beginning **September 15th in the Great Room at 6:30pm** for our study "Fools in the Bible!" This is sure to be very informative - bring a friend and your Bible, and we will enjoy studying God's Word together!

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**. We recently started our new study on the book of James! Contact **Gary Priskorn** with questions or for the Zoom information - hope you'll join us!

POSITIVE PARENTING

Please join us for Positive Parenting, Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting ideas and strategies. Designed for moms in the parenting years, we meet throughout the school year with the goal growing together spiritually, expand our understanding of parenting philosophies, and find strength in community. We meet Wednesday mornings from **9:15-10:45am in the Great Room** with childcare provided in the Nursery for children ages 0-4. Every class session stands alone - join us as your schedule allows! Our first meeting is this **Wednesday, September 16th** - we hope to see you there! Questions? Contact **Victoria Ilitch**.

YOUTH CORE GROUP

High school youth are welcome to come and hang out on **Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm in the Youth Room!** Join for pizza, Bible study, and fellowship - hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY!

Community Bible Study begins **Thursday, September 17th from 9:30-10:45am in the Great Room**. All are welcome to join for an 8-week study of the life of the Apostle Paul. We will primarily use 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.

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 for one of our next meetings - **Wednesdays at 8:00pm** in the Great Room!

- **Life Group:** Focused on applying faith in everyday life and building community. **(SEPTEMBER 16, 30)**
- **Patriarchs Study Group:** Grow in faith through Scripture, Christian books, and learning and deepening understanding together. **(SEPTEMBER 23, OCTOBER 7)** Come when you can! Questions? Contact **Brandon Movitz** (248-421-9226).

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"

September 13

Isaiah 12:1-14:32
2 Corinthians 13:1-13
Psalm 57:1-11
Proverbs 23:9-11

September 15

Isaiah 19:1-21:17
Galatians 2:1-16
Psalm 59:1-17
Proverbs 23:13-14

September 17

Isaiah 25:1-28:13
Galatians 3:10-22
Psalm 61:1-8
Proverbs 23:17-18

September 19

Isaiah 30:12-33:9
Galatians 5:1-12
Psalm 63:1-11
Proverbs 23:22

September 14

Isaiah 15:1-18:7
Galatians 1:1-24
Psalm 58:1-11
Proverbs 23:12

September 16

Isaiah 22:1-24:23
Galatians 2:17-3:9
Psalm 60:1-12
Proverbs 23:15-16

September 18

Isaiah 28:14-30:11
Galatians 3:23-4:31
Psalm 62:1-12
Proverbs 23:19-21

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

What fun we have picking a good book and sharing our thoughts! Join us at our next gathering on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30pm** to dive into the classic **The Last of the Mohicans** by James Fenimore Cooper.

Why a classic? The past becomes the future and history is always relevant! The novel has been one of the most popular English-language novels since its publication and sure to lead to a great discussion - see you there!

SAVE THE DATE - BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The holiday season will be here before we know it! Be sure to mark your calendar and save the following dates!

- Advent by Candlelight Table Registration: Sunday, October 18th at 7:30am
- Advent by Candlelight Program: Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00pm



REDEEMER CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION - THIS WEEK!

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 CALENDAR - Important Confirmation Dates!

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

REMINDER!

Classes start on Wednesday, September 23rd from 6:00-8:00pm!

REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

KICK-OFF POOL PARTY!

We'll officially kicking-off another great year of RYG together! Join is tonight for our annual pool party at The Eckert's House!



Sunday, September 13th - 7:00-9:00pm
5400 Echo Road, Bloomfield Twp.

SERVE DINNER AT FOG!

Join us tomorrow - **Monday, September 14th** - when we'll head to FOG to serve dinner! Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm - bring some money, as we'll stop to have dinner together!



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM
FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Save the date for our upcoming fellowship breakfast on Saturday, October 3rd at 9:00am! Breakfast will be served, followed by a presentation by Pattie Lynch entitled "Detroit Isn't Dead: How a 3rd Generation Funeral Director Became a Historical Preservationist." **Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board!**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF REDEEMER!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer...now you can!
Join us for our **New Member Classes!** Classes start on **Sunday, October 11th**, and run for 4-weeks on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00am. We will end with a yummy New Member Brunch on Sunday, November 8th! Come join us! Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions or for more information.

FALL YOUTH RETREATS

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: November 6-8, Camp Skyline**
(*UPDATED DATE*)

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- For the family and friends of Shirley Struck, who passed away peacefully in the presence of her children.

For those with health concerns:

- Mary Jane Wolfe
- Jennifer, friend of Debi Hollis
- Sue Warren, Thom Johnson's sister
- Brett Clausen
- Gerry
- Cherisse Baetz
- Leanna Bush
- Krista Falk
- Bill Vanderhoef
- Ron Ging
- Pat Nehls
- Terry and Jean Roberts

For those in hospice care:

- 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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