

The MODERN BALAAM And His...



September 20, 2026
9:00am / 10:30am
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 West Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 20, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Thanksgiving for Animals

As We Gather

“The power of God is present at all places, even in the tiniest tree leaf. Do you think God is sleeping on a pillow in heaven? ...God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you. God’s entire divine nature is wholly and entirely in all creatures, more deeply, more inwardly, more present than the creature is to itself. God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field. ...God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.” – *Martin Luther*

Prayer Before Worship

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of Your creation. We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset. We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them. We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by You. We are awed by all the animals You created. For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give You praise. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prelude

Steve SeGraves, *Pianist*

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy – arr. Wasson

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy there Is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power in love in purity.
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons Blessed Trinity.

Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

P: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: You have set your glory in the heavens.

P: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C: the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

P: what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

C: human beings that you care for them?

P: You have made them a little lower than the angels

C: and crowned them with glory and honor.

P: You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

C: you put everything under their feet:

P: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky,

C: and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

(Psalm 8:1,3-8)

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading Numbers 22:20-34

(Balaam and His Donkey)

That night God came to Balaam and said, "Since these men have come to summon you, go with them, but do only what I tell you." Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the Moabite officials. But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again. Then the angel of the Lord moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now." The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?" "No," he said. Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the

angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown. The angel of the Lord asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it." Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-25

(All of Creation Groans)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:26-31

(God and the Sparrows)

"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Sermon

Text: Numbers 22:20-34

“The Donkey That Saved A Life”

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.

Pet Blessing

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King
Sung During Pet Blessing

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam, And silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain:

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us with warmth and light,
Refrain

3. Let all things their Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him. Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One. *Refrain*

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven
can boast.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Steve SeGraves, *Pianist*

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Sanctuary Lectern Flowers are placed with grateful hearts by Amy and Steve SeGraves for nineteen years of marriage, sustained by God's grace and guided by His faithfulness. *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed by David Hamada in loving memory of his parents, Jayne and Joe Hamada.

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

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - David Hamada

10:30am - David Hamada, David Hardoin, and David Kiehle

Greeters

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

10:30am - The Amos Family, and Michael Vella

Readers

9:00am - Benjamin Jones

10:30am - Loren Appold

Ushers

9:00am - Keith Lewis, *Captain*; Robert Artelt,

Rudy Becker, Rick Russ, Brian Vautaw

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

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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 20, 2026



**SCAN FOR
WEBSITE**

Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present... Your current family or marital status... Your past or current religious affiliation... Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity... You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at 248-644-4010 x121.

WORSHIP/COMMUNION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00am - The Chapel of Mary
Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

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

10:30am Livestreamed Service

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

MONDAY

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

REDEEMER NURSERY

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



**JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP NEXT
WEEKEND!**



Next Sunday, we'll take a deeper look into the words of Paul to young clergy, Titus and Timothy, concerning the ministry of the church and how it should be conducted. We will be reminded as members of Christ's church how we should look, act, and believe! We hope you'll join us!

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**



PASTOR MARK'S INSTALLATION SERVICE!



Join us next Sunday, September 27th for Pastor Mark's Installation Service at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow. Rev. Patrick J. Brooks, friend of Pastor Mark and Associate Pastor at Christ The King in Southgate, will be guest preaching.

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!

BECOME A REDEEMER CHURCH MEMBER!

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** for more information.



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!

Contact Laura, Gia, or Eric with questions!



SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Our new year of Sunday School is underway! 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.



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 baptism of **Ronald Dalton Denech**, a \$50 donation in her name 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. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call 248-545-6411 or carenetberkley.com. 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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

October 14

November 11

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

September 23

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

21 MON

9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study
7p Worship
7:30p Al Anon
7:30p Love of Life

22 TUES

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

23 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Positive Parenting
6p Confirmation
6p RYG Core Group
6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15p Board of Elders Meeting

24 THURS

6:30a BNI Networking Group
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:30a Community Bible Study
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball
6:30p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal

25 FRI

9:15a Moms Day Out

26 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 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

- October 2nd
- October 16th

****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!**

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 Chuhuran leads our study on the Book of John. Join us when your schedule allows - 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 21st in the Library at 9:15am!**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is back! We are studying 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 22nd at 10:00am in the Great Room!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our new 7-session DVD series on **Tuesday, September 22nd in the Great Room at 6:00pm** entitled "God Speaks to Me." We'll examine many biblical examples of how to position ourselves to hear the voice of God and respond to it. Join us for this inspirational study!

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 next meeting is this **Wednesday, September 23rd** - we hope to see you there! Questions? Contact **Victoria Ilitch**.

YOUTH CORE GROUP

High school youth are welcome to hang out for pizza and Bible Study on **Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm in the Youth Room!** See you there!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY!

Community Bible Study meets on **Thursdays 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. We are focused on applying faith in our everyday life while building community with Christian husbands and fathers. **Join for one of our next meetings on Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the Great Room**. Each meeting stands alone - join when you can!

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 28

We hope you'll join us! 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 20

Isaiah 33:10-36:22
Galatians 5:13-26
Psalm 64:1-10
Proverbs 23:23

September 22

Isaiah 39:1-41:16
Ephesians 1:1-23
Psalm 66:1-20
Proverbs 23:25-28

September 24

Isaiah 43:14-45:10
Ephesians 3:1-21
Psalm 68:1-18
Proverbs 24:1-2

September 26

Isaiah 48:12-50:11
Ephesians 4:17-32
Psalm 69:1-18
Proverbs 24:5-6

September 21

Isaiah 37:1-38:22
Galatians 6:1-18
Psalm 64:1-10
Proverbs 23:24

September 23

Isaiah 41:17-43
Ephesians 2:1-22
Psalm 67:1-7
Proverbs 23:29-35

September 25

Isaiah 45:11-48
Ephesians 4:1-16
Psalm 68:19-35
Proverbs 24:3-4

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



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 Paddy Lynch entitled "Detroit Isn't Dead: How a 3rd Generation Funeral Director Became a Historical Preservationist." ***Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board!***



We kick-off another year of Confirmation this week, full of learning, fun, and fellowship! **A reminder that classes for all Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 students starts this Wednesday, September 23rd from 6:00-8:00pm!** Check-in in the Town Square before heading to your classrooms! See you there!

REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will be gathering at Our Shepherd Lutheran School tonight from 4:00-7:00pm for THE MIX! It's sure to be an amazing gathering full of fun and fellowship! ***Sign-up using the QR Code on the front of the bulletin!***

Be sure to join us next Sunday, September 27th! RYG will usher at the 10:30am worship service, and that evening, we'll head out for a fun night of putt-putt golf and Culver's! ***Meet in the Youth Room at 7:00pm - see you then!***

SAVE THE DATE - RYG FALL RETREAT!

November 6th - November 8th

Camp Skyline - More info coming soon!



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**ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM
FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**

JAMS FALL RETREAT!

October 2 - 4
at Camp Skyline

**JAMS
Fall Retreat**

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 6-8

A weekend full of
faith, friends, and
fun!

Get away, make
memories, eat
snacks, stay up
late, play games,
and grow closer
to God.

Bring a friend!
Everyone is
welcome!



Register **EARLY** by 9/20
for **ONLY \$75!**

**REGISTRATION DUE 9/27!
COST IS \$90!**

Questions? Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org)

**Early Bird Registration ends TODAY!
Sign-up by tonight for the discounted
price! Questions? Contact Laura Vowell!**

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- For the family and friends of Gerry Clark, neighbor of The Simonetta Family, who recently passed away.

For those with health concerns:

- Bruce Helmke
- 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
- Joe Lagoe
- Kay Trombat
- George Bailey
- Maximillian Jude
- Pray for the lost

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.
- For Ronald Dalton Denech, who we welcome into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning.

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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