

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Theme: Life of Faith

As We Gather

"Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I speak evil of my King who saved me?" - Polycarp

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to remember and honor those who bravely laid down their lives for the sake of the Gospel. We praise You for their unwavering faith, their selfless dedication, and their courage in the face of persecution. May their sacrifice continue to inspire us to live lives that reflect Your love and truth. May their legacy of faith continue to echo through the generations. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 246

Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty

- 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!
- Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- Holy, holy, holy! Tho’ the darkness hide Thee,  
Tho’ the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

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.

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

(The wickedness of Joash)

After the death of Jehoiada, the officials of Judah came and paid homage to the king, and he listened to them. They abandoned the temple of the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. Because of their guilt, God’s anger came on Judah and Jerusalem. Although the Lord sent prophets to the people to bring them back to him, and though they testified against them, they would not listen. Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, “This is what God says: ‘Why do you disobey the Lord’s commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has forsaken you.’ ” But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they stoned him to death in the courtyard of the Lord’s temple. King Joash did not remember the kindness Zechariah’s father Jehoiada had shown him but killed his son, who said as he lay dying, “May the Lord see this and call you to account.”

Epistle Reading

Revelation 2:8-11

(The Church in Smyrna)

“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 15:18-21

(The World Hates the Disciples)

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.

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.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn 463

For All the Saints

- For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confest,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victors crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon

Text: 2 Chronicles 24:17-22

“St. Polycarp”  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

(Please rise for the Offertory)

Offertory

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

Hymn 283 in our Red Hymnal

Sung in place of our normal offertory for our 100th Anniversary

God’s Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

(Please be seated)

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:

- Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
- 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 pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Voluntary

Be Gone Unbelief - Peters  
Chancel Choir; Kristen Rolf, Tambourine; Brian Buckmaster, Tom-Tom

(Please rise for the Doxology)

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 36 Now Thank We All our God  
(favorite hymn of Donna Hollis)

- 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore!  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Silent Prayer

Postlude Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Laramie, Lepola, and Zehnder Families in loving memory of our mother, Rose Laramie. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Brian Vautaw in loving memory of Lisa Vautaw.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are the Burstein family and the Darlene Bliss in memory of Tyler Henry Bliss.

Altar Guild

Karen Pridmore, Kathy Eley, Rose Kiehle, Megan Rettray,  
Ellie Gause, Bev Yocum, Kim Martin, Tina Conte, Richelle Pedersen,  
Liz Pedersen, Katre Klow, Tracey Fish

Greeters

10:30 - The Friedrich Family

Ushers

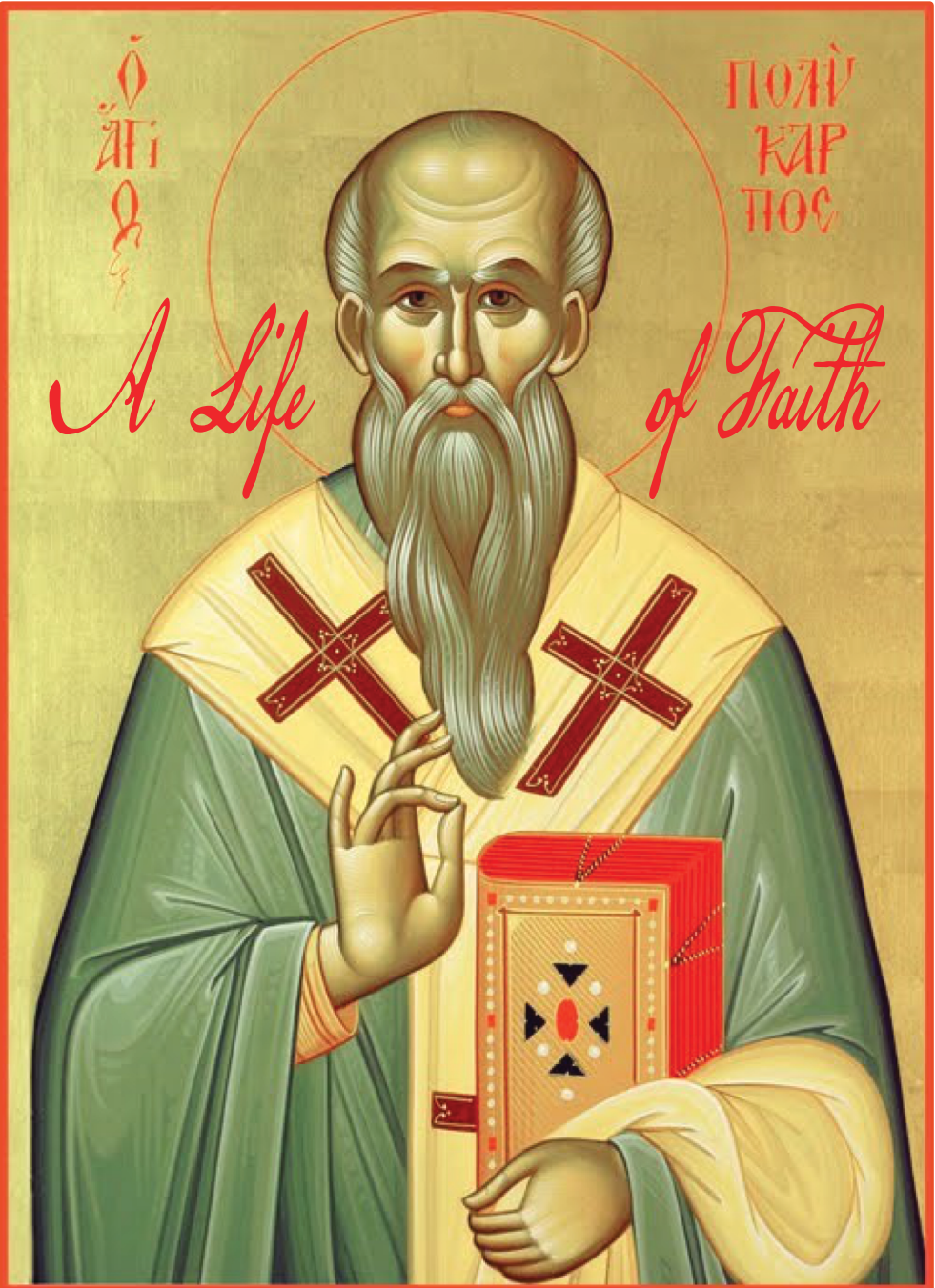
9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Pete Pridmore,  
Cindy Grove, David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Eric Stein  
10:30 - Senior High Youth

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Greg Merryman  
10:30 - Mike Lapinski, Bruce Helmke

Acolytes

9:00 - Claire Tafel  
10:30 - Sophie Kamm, Evan Yuhn



SAINT POLYCARP

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9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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1800 W. Maple  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009



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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at [www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) for more detailed information.



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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.  
(248) 644-4010 / [office@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org)

**MISSION:**  
Bringing the love of Christ  
to a searching world.

**February 23, 2025**



## HOST A COFFEE HOUR

in Memory of your favorite loved one!  
Signup on the *Coffee Hour signup* under the  
*Ways to Serve* option on the church website  
or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTED DURING TODAY'S COFFEE HOURS

### iZōsh Birmingham Spring Event

Friday, April 11  
Arrive at 6:45pm for Stone Voting;  
Presentation starts at 7:00p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's Great Room  
1800 W. Maple Road,  
Birmingham, MI 48009

- ✓ Fund Micro-Loans in REAL Time
- ✓ Invite a Friend!
- ✓ Be empowered that YOU can change the world!

Sign up TODAY with QR code  
or in the Town Square



Contact Us  
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Learn More



Visit Our Website:  
[www.lcr.church/izosh](http://www.lcr.church/izosh)



SAVE THE DATE!



**Guest Speaker:**  
Abadir M. Ibrahim

Associate Director of the Human Rights  
Program (HRP) at Harvard Law School

## 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.

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

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

\*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to [www.redeemberbirmingham.com](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.com)  
and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

### MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

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 & 10:30am Sunday worship services. You are welcome to bring your infant/child to the nursery at any time during the service.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code &  
fill out the online  
attendance form.



## Happening TODAY

WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:00, 9:00,  
and 10:30am

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

10a Sunday Morning Bible Study

[CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE]

10a Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

4p Mission Trip Mtg #1

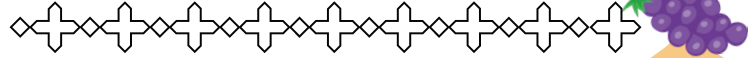
7p RYG

## FAMILY OF GOD

Redeemer partners with FOG and provides two HOT meals each month for those in need. Sign-up to help pay for the cost of those meals with the "FOG Sponsorship"- \$100. There are 6 slots each month to sign-up.

## A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

**COMMUNION NEWS:** If you would like communion to be brought to you, please let an usher know before the service begins and they will be sure that you are accommodated.



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. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors*

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



## WAYS TO SERVE

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!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering



### Youth Choir Rehearsals

Youth Choir will sing on **Sunday, March 30** with rehearsals being held in the Chapel from 10 - 10:30 on **Feb. 23; March 16, 23**. Ages 7 and up are welcome! Contact nancylesinski@gmail.com with any questions.

## SEASON OF LENT & EASTER

### THE BE ATTITUDES - MATTHEW 5:3-12

This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to our lives as Be Attitudes.

**March 5, Ash Wednesday - Matthew 5:3**

*Poor in Spirit*

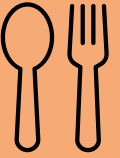


**March 12 - Matthew 5:4**

*Those who Mourn*

**March 19 - Matthew 5:5**

*The Meek*



**March 26 - Matthew 5:6**

*The Hungry and Thirsty*

**April 2 - Matthew 5:7**

*The Merciful*



**April 9 - Matthew 5:8**

*Clean of Heart*



1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
Each worship service is preceded by a meal:  
Lunch at 12:00 noon and Dinner at 6:00pm  
(5:30pm confirmands)



### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



**Maundy Thursday, April 17** - 1p - Chapel; 7p - Sanctuary  
Holy Communion at both services

**Good Friday, April 18** - 1p and 7p - Sanctuary  
**Easter Eve, April 19** - 5p - Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday Services, April 20**  
7:30a with Holy Communion; 9:00a and 10:30a

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday 10:30a service.  
Bring your Easter Basket!!*

**\*all 7pm Lenten services & the 10:30a Easter Service will be livestreamed**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

24 MON	25 TUES	26 WED	27 THURS	28 FRI	1 SAT
9a Moms Day Out 12:45p Westmaple Stay & Play 7p Worship 8p Al Anon 8p Love of Life	9a Moms Day Out 9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 12:45p Westmaple Stay & Play 6p Women's Bible Study 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball	6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Moms Day Out 9a Positive Parenting - FOG 9:15a Positive Parenting 12:45p Westmaple Stay & Play 6p Confirmation 6p RYG Core Group 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7p Confirmand-Led Service Practice	9a Moms Day Out 9:30a Community Bible Study 12:45p Westmaple Stay & Play 2p Family of God - Cooking 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball 7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal	9a Mom's Day Out	9a - 1p Rummage Sale Intake Day



2025 Lenten Theme

## SEASON OF LENT & EASTER

### ATTITUDE CHECK!

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest message recorded in the gospels. His message brings to us a great deal of insight into our role in the Kingdom of Heaven. But He starts it all with the "Be Attitudes".

I must admit at one time the beatitudes sounded to me, "Today, life is hard. But, one day soon I will bless you!" yet, I have discovered that these sayings are powerful when viewed through a new lens. It's a prescription on how we are to live.

This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to live our lives as Be Attitudes.



### LENTEN MEALS

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th and we need YOUR help! Grab your family or some friends and sign-up to host a Lenten lunch or dinner! You can sign-up via the church website or the Town Square bulletin board. Contact **Kim Davis (248.613.4200)** with questions or for more information. If you don't feel comfortable planning a whole meal, you can sign-up to be a helper!



Join us during mid-week Lenten services, which start on Wednesday March 5th, for LentenKidz! All children ages 3 to 5th Grade are welcome! Children go to church with their families and then, after the Children's Message, will go down to the Scheidt Room for lesson and activities. We hope you'll join!



### LENT AND EASTER MUSIC

**Hallelujah Chorus on Easter!** If you plan to attend worship at the 9:00am or 10:30am services on Easter Sunday, April 20th, we invite you to join the Chancel Choir in singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah! You will be provided with a copy of the music during the service, or a copy can be obtained in advance by contacting **Steve SeGraves**.

**Special Music Needed for Lenten Services!** If you sing or play an instrument, we are looking for individuals to provide special music during our 1:00pm and 7:00pm Wednesday services. Services run Wednesday, March 12th thru Wednesday, April 9th. Please contact **Steve SeGraves** if you'd like to offer your musical ability for one of these services.



### FLORAL CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Floral Cross will sit front and center on Easter Sunday to decorate the church, along with our Easter Flowers. You can sponsor the cross to remember or give thanks to someone or something special in your life. Call the church office if you would like to sponsor the cross this year.



IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME...

### ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!

EASTER IS SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2025  
Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas (Blue & Pink),  
and Boston Ferns...Oh my!

These gorgeous flowers will add beauty to our Easter Sunday services. The flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter and remember or give thanks to someone or something special in your life. You may then take them home following our 10:30am service. Alternatively, you may donate them to a local nursing home for a wonderful surprise for those who need an uplifting gift on Easter. Order forms, with the option to pay online, are available on our website (click on the Lent/Holy Week box) or scan the QR code below. The order form can also be found around the building, or in the church office. *Please fill it out and turn it into the church office along with your payment/check no later than Tuesday, April 1st.*

**\*Orders placed after this date are NOT guaranteed as the nursery has a limited supply\***

### Ways You Can Help?

We're looking for families/volunteers to take the donated flowers to a local nursing home immediately following the 10:30 Easter morning service! This is a great opportunity to spread God's love, and bring a gorgeous surprise to those who need it. You truly feel the gift of giving firsthand! If you're interested, please contact the church office!

Questions? Contact the church office  
(248) 644-4010

**ORDER FLOWERS HERE**



Make your own

### RESURRECTION EGGS!

Resurrection Eggs are a common way to teach others about the story of Easter. Come make your own box of Resurrection Eggs for your family and learn how to teach the story of Easter to others!

PLUS – we'll eat dinner, decorate cookies, and play Easter BINGO! It all happens on **Friday, March 14th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Signing up is a must, as we need to have enough supplies! Sign up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board by Sunday 3/9. Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberbirmingham.org) with questions.

## MISSIONS

## HELP *the* HOMELESS

### 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.**

**2025 Family of God Soup Kitchen Sponsor Sign-ups are available! LOTS of spots available!!**

THANK YOU!

To Darlene Bliss for her FOG sponsorship in February in memory of Tyler Henry Bliss.

### FAMILY OF GOD

Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!

**February 27th - Positive Parenting**  
**March 10th - RYG cooks and serves**  
**April 14th - RYG cooks and serves**  
**April 30th - Positive Parenting**

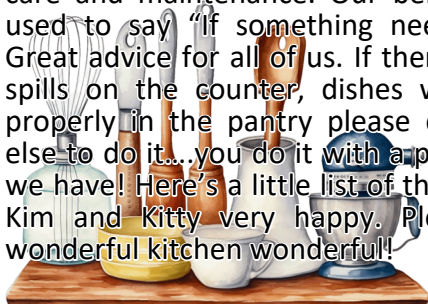
### CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF

Any donations made to help those impacted by the California fires will be matched by Redeemer up to \$3,000 and donated to Samaritan's Purse who mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of disasters. Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** and put "**California Fires**" in the memo line, or pay online with the QR code.

scan QR code to donate



**Kitchen Notes:** Redeemer's kitchen is a blessing! Not many churches have a facility like ours which even visiting chefs found complete and perfect to work in And most facilities lock their kitchens in order to keep things under control. We don't lock our doors because the kitchen belongs to all of us. And because the kitchen belongs to all of us, all of us have to be partners in the care and maintenance. Our beloved Marge Noettl just used to say "If something needs doing.....just do it!" Great advice for all of us. If there are dishes in the sink, spills on the counter, dishes waiting to be put away properly in the pantry please don't wait for someone else to do it....you do it with a prayer of thanks for what we have! Here's a little list of things you can do to make Kim and Kitty very happy. Please help us keep our wonderful kitchen wonderful!



## RUMMAGE SALE



### DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SALE

See Lamp for acceptable items or call the church office.

You can drop off donations in the Gym:

- Saturday, March 1st: 9:00am-1:00pm
- Thursday, March 6th: 9:00am-6:00pm
- MARCH 1 ONLY - Schedule a PICKUP for large items contact Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)) by Tuesday 2/25

### HELP WITH SET-UP

- Thursday, March 6th (9:00am-8:00pm)
- Friday, March 7th (9:00am-4:00pm).

Michele Margosian will be available to guide you to an area of need!

### SHOP AT THE SALE

- **EARLY BIRD SALE:** Friday, March 7th; 6:00-8:00pm  
Donation of \$5/adult will be received.
- **GENERAL SALE:** Saturday, March 8th; 9:00am-3:00pm
- **BAG SALE:** Sunday, March 9th; 12:00-2:00pm  
\$5/bag of clothing and accessories + HALF-OFF all other items!

### HELP WITH CLEAN UP

Join us for "POWER HOUR" (Sunday, March 9th from 2:30-3:30pm) to help bag and box unsold items for Goodwill and clean-up the rooms used for the sale!

### SPREAD THE WORD

Please encourage family and friends to donate items and shop at the sale to help support our missions!

For any general questions or concerns, please contact Michele Margosian. Cell: 248.515.1282 - Home: 248.855.3694 - [mmargosian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmargosian@sbcglobal.net)

### Bags & Hangers for the Rummage Sale!

Save your bags (paper/plastic grocery bags, big shopping bags, etc.) and hangers! We need them for the Rummage Sale! If you have any that you'd like to donate, please put them outside Laura Vowell's office.



### JAMS Power Hour & Game Night! Sunday 3/9 – 2:30pm to 6pm

All middle schoolers (& their families!) are invited to this event to help SERVE and have FUN! Join us for a POWER HOUR of cleaning up from the Rummage Sale... many hands make light work so we have a goal to get at least 50 PEOPLE signed up! After we swoop in and finish cleaning, we'll have a Game Night! We'll do all of the usual things – Aliens in the Church, open gym, pizza, ice cream sundaes, and MORE! If middle school families come to help, siblings are welcome to stay for Game Night! Younger siblings can get a glimpse of how awesome JAMS is and older siblings can stay and enjoy their favorite JAMS pastimes!

**Sign up via the church website. Contact Laura Vowell ([laura@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)) with any questions or concerns.**



# MINISTRIES AT WORK

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Scamper Camps 2025!

Programming is open to children who are 2-years old (as of January 1st, 2025) through 5-years old. Once kids have gone off to kindergarten, they are too old to come back. **Sign-ups will start in February - please contact Nicole Olds with any questions!**

### Redeemer's Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS will take place **June 16-20!** All children in Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome to attend - teens, teachers, and parent volunteers will be needed to make the week fun for all! Contact **Nicole Olds** if you are interested in helping out this summer!

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for another Men's Ministry event as we continue to celebrate Redeemer's 100th Anniversary



Beer and Soft Drinks; Bad Boy Chili and Fixin's; Games and Prizes; Center court Cornbread;

Watch the NCAA Elite 8 Regional Playoffs!  
Signup in the Town Square so we can plan accordingly

Free-will donation requested - For further information, contact Gary Priskorn 248-644-4010 or Jon Duff 248-214-9037

The Parsonage is at 785 Westwood Drive, Birmingham

## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### MARCH SCHEDULE

**Saturday, March 1st:** Rummage Sale Intake, 9:00am-3:00pm

**Sunday, March 2nd:**

4:00pm: Mission Trip Meeting #2 - Meet in the Great Room

7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group - Meet in the Youth Room

**Wednesday, March 5th:** Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Ash Wednesday

**Friday, March 7th:** Rummage Pre-Sale, 6:00-8:00pm

**Saturday, March 8th:** Rummage Sale, 9:00am-3:00pm

**Sunday, March 9th:**

Rummage Sale Bag Day, 12:00-2:00pm

Rummage Sale Clean-Up, 2:00-4:00pm

**\*NO MEETING SUNDAY EVENING!\***

**Monday March 10th:** FOG, 5:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Kitchen

**Wednesday, March 12th:** Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

**Sunday, March 16th:**

4:00pm: Mission Trip Meeting #3

Meet in the Great Room

7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group

Meet in the Youth Room

**Wednesday, March 19th:** Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

**Saturday, March 22nd-Friday, March 28th:**

North Carolina Mission Trip

**Sunday, March 31 - Mission Trip Reunion 7-9pm**

**\*NO RYG THIS WEEK - HAPPY SPRING BREAK!\***

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## REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

### BIBLE STUDY:

*First Thursday of Every Month*

### CHURCH LUNCHESES:

Once a Month after Church

### MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN TO LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!  
(248) 925-7125

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**March 6, 20th, 2025**

And there is interest in crocheting which has taken Europe by storm. We know how!!!! Come and learn.



### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 pm**

Chilly February brings our Women's Book Group an exciting book to read and review! ***Saving My Assassin: A Memoir*** (The True Story of a Christian Attorney's Battle for Religious Liberty in Romania) by Virginia Prodan. Come share, or come listen.....you are invited and welcome. **Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30** by the fire in the Town Square.

### Woman of the Year Luncheon

Unfortunately our Woman of the Year, Erin Mortenson, is unable to attend the Council of Women's Luncheon on March 25th.

We will plan a celebration of Erin and her service at a later time. Please watch the bulletin for information.

If you have already bought a ticket please check about a refund from the source. Questions? Ask Kitty!



## Bunco Night!

Our favorite game, with our favorite white elephant gifts, with appetizers, desserts and adult beverages all at the home of Julie Buechner on Friday, March 14 at 6:00! Yes, it's time for BUNCO – a game that requires no skill, only your presence. It's just lots of fun rolling the dice, collecting points and keeping a tally. At the end the highest score wins and so do some of the lesser scores and we give out prizes. We snack, play, talk, and have the best time. Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board. And in case you didn't know.....white elephant is bringing something you don't want, never liked and can't wait to get rid of....wrapped up and some poor woman will have to go home with it. Questions? Call or email Kitty at [misskitty@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberbirmingham.org). Come on, everybody, BUNCO!

### Women of Redeemer

"Spiritual Conversations" sponsored by Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 9:30-3:00.



For more information and to register.



## 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING MISSIONS

During one of the mission trips to New Orleans, one of our teams met a gentleman named Robert Green as they were working outside at a Lutheran church. Robert thanked them for what they were doing and shared his story of losing his mother and granddaughter to the hurricane. He told them that during those difficult times, he kept saying "I have to trust God." But it was the day he removed the 2 little words "have to" from that sentence. He began saying "I trust God" and everything changed for him. He was then on the road to recovery. What a statement of faith that our team was so blessed to hear.



### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, June 1st**

#### 100th Anniversary celebratory church service and congregational luncheon.

We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer leading worship that morning and Kitty Sweitzer, along with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal.

### Ask Me About....

During our anniversary year, you will see our church staff and volunteers wearing buttons that invite you to ask them about our vast array of ministries here at Redeemer.

*Please ask them questions, they are very excited to share!*

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BUS TOUR – AUGUST 12 – 15, 2025

Bus Tour to picturesque Lancaster, PA.

There we will tour the Dutch countryside and experience the Amish lifestyle, along with a visit to the SIGHT & SOUND MILLENNIUM THEATRE where we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "NOAH" will come alive with spectacular and captivating music, special effects and I guarantee, one of God's most creative and unique "passenger manifests" imaginable! Families, young & "young at heart" are welcome.

Details posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet & on posters around Redeemer. LAMP will have more detailed information. This tour has limited capacity (52), early registration and deposit are encouraged. Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685

### HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS

located in the Town Square!

We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change each month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer. This month we are celebrating Missions and Outreach at Redeemer through the years.

### REQUEST FROM THE HOLY HISTORY COMMITTEE:

If anyone has Black, Silver or Gold picture frames that they would like to donate to the history committee it would be very helpful! Sizes needed would be 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 11 x 14. Thanks in advance! A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off.



### FAITHFUL FRIENDS

**Enrichment Series**

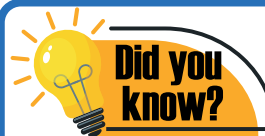
**Sunday, March 2, 11:45-12:45  
in the Great Room**

Do you have an elderly parent or friend who seems to be struggling with the reality of day-to-day living? Are you a current or potential caregiver looking for Eldercare resources, answers to caregiving questions, or are unsure of the signals and symptoms that may prompt concern and additional care? Then, please join us for our next Faithful Friends Enrichment Program.

Based on requests, Redeemer member and Eldercare Counselor and Gerontologist, Diane Johns, also an experienced caregiver, will again lead a discussion of recognizing the obvious, but also the "silent" signs and behaviors of the elderly that warrant attention, observation and care, as well as review available resources.

Please let any of the team know if there is a topic you are interested in learning more about.

Gary Priskorn, Marilyn Staargaard, Diane Johns,  
Pam Tyndall, Tracey Fish and Cheryl Carr



### OUR VERY OWN "BEACON OF HOPE"

Did you know that our Sanctuary chandelier will be lit all-day - **EVERY day!** - for our entire 100th Anniversary Celebration?!

Tom and Brenda Boyce have graciously sponsored the lighting of our beautiful chandelier in loving memory of their son, John, and all other children who are now held in the arms of Jesus in their heavenly home.



The story of our chandelier, written by Brenda, can found in the Town Square. Be sure to take one home to read!



# BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans  
**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
*All-year after 9:00am Worship Service - Scheidt Room*

**New Member Class** - Laura Vowell  
*(Annually in the Fall) - Great Room*

**Children's Sunday School** - Nicole Olds  
*10:30am - Lower-Level classrooms*

**RYG (High School)** - Gia & Eric  
*7:00pm - Youth Room*

## TUESDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible  
*9:30am - Great Room*

**Women's Bible Study** - Kitty Sweitzer  
*6:30pm - Great Room (\*4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm)*

## WEDNESDAYS

**Men's Bible Study** - Gary Priskorn - Acts  
*All-Year 6:45-7:30am - Great Room (\*Zoom Available)*

**Positive Parenting** - Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson  
*9:15-10:45am - Great Room*

**Confirmation Classes** - Laura Vowell  
*6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms*

**Core Group (RYG - High School)** - Gia Scheidt  
*6:00-8:00pm - Youth Room*

## THURSDAYS

**Young Adults** - Michael Banerian's (3217 Maplewood, RO)  
*6:30-8:00pm - 1st Thursday of Every Month*

**Community Bible Study** - Andrea Schlak  
*Moses and the Book of Exodus*  
*9:30-11:00am - Great Room*

*For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the Church Office at 248-644-4010.*

*If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp or the back of these announcements for a Bible reading plan.*

## 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's victories and challenges. Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am** to study Moses and the book of Exodus with Andrea Schlak.

We will take another look at a familiar story and hopefully learn something new and apply it to our lives today. Any questions contact Andrea [schlakandrea@gmail.com](mailto:schlakandrea@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study: ***Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*** with Louie Giglio. Have you ever regretted not coming to a bible study and then thought you couldn't possibly attend because two or three sessions had gone by and you would be too far behind to catch up? Well this is not one of those studies. If you have not started this study and want to be part of a heart warming, soul strengthening adventure then come in on our second half! We loved the first lesson, gaining understanding of God's loving plan for us and want to share it with you on **Tuesday, February 25!** No study on the 18th. Can't make it? There will be a new study in March.....join us! Great Room, Tuesday nights at 6:30.

## POSITIVE PARENTING

We are a group of moms that discuss topics relating to family-life, parenting and motherhood. We explore a wide-range of books and ideas throughout the year and enjoy conversation, prayer and community with one another. Positive Parenting meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room. Nursery care is provided and is available on a drop-in basis for any younger children.

Each session stands alone, there is no need to purchase books, or read ahead of attending.

**2/26:** Cooking for Family of God, meet in the Redeemer kitchen

**3/5:** Careers--The Power Pause



## COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.

**Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.**  
**248-568-6040**

**PATHWAYS REDEEMER'S GRIEF AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 11TH,**  
**1:00PM IN THE TOWN SQUARE**



## DONATION INFORMATION

If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, 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!!!**





## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

### Friends and family of:

- We pray for the family and friends of the following families who are mourning the loss of a loved one: the Cochell family, the Fox family, the Regep family, and the Lawrance family.

### For those with health concerns:

- Dorothy
- Fred and Sue, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Steve, friend of the Eley's
- Pat Nehls
- Ida Beechy, friend of the Leahys
- Missy Mazur, friend of the congregation.
- Marcie, sister of Bonnie Ernewein
- Bill, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia
- Carol Wargelin

### Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- 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.
- The people in Kentucky and Tennessee recovering from flooding.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
- For the 57th anniversary of Cliff and Linda Clark

*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.*

*PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to be notified when a Congregation member is called to their heavenly home, please email the church office at [office@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberirmingham.org) and we will add you to our email list.*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

March 12

April 9

### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 26

May 28

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## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS FROM "READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR"

### February 23

Leviticus 14:1-57  
Mark 6:30-56  
Psalm 40:1-10  
Proverbs 10:11-12

### February 24

Leviticus 15:1-16:28  
Mark 7:1-23  
Psalm 40:11-17  
Proverbs 10:13-14

### February 25

Leviticus 16:29-18:30  
Mark 7:24-8:10  
Psalm 41:1-13  
Proverbs 10:15-16

### February 26

Leviticus 19:1-20:21  
Mark 8:11-38  
Psalm 42:1-11  
Proverbs 10:17

### February 27

Leviticus 20:22-22:16  
Mark 9:1-29  
Psalm 43:1-5  
Proverbs 10:18

### February 28

Leviticus 22:17-23:44  
Mark 9:30-10:12  
Psalm 44:1-8  
Proverbs 10:19

### March 1

Leviticus 24:1-25:46  
Mark 10:13-31  
Psalm 44:9-26  
Proverbs 10:20-21

