

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Theme: United in Christ!

As We Gather

“Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:16, 21

Prayer Before Worship

Oh Lord, as we work together to build your empire, let us be the light that leads the world to you. God, teach us to be good role models to the people around us, so that when they see you and your love within us, they would want to know you more and more. God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom. Amen

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His Sacred Name.*

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *-Refrain*
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *-Refrain*
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *-Refrain*

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

Isaiah 51:4-6

(The Lord’s Comfort for Zion)

“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Epistle Reading

Jude 1:20-25

(A Call to Persevere)

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Arr by William Runyan

Redeemer Ringers

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 13:34-35

(A New Commandment)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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 428

I am trusting thee Lord Jesus

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy, Trusting now.
3. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying, All my need.
4. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever, And for all.

Sermon

“United In Christ”
Rev. James Greenwalt

Text: John 13:34-35

(Please rise for the Offertory)

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.

(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:

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 pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Voluntary - 9:00am

My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness
by Keith Getty

Kate DeBoer

Voluntary - 10:30am

There is a Redeemer - Green

Chancel Choir

(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 658

Onward Christian Soldiers

(favorite hymn of Ronald Beyer, Tom Boyce, Stephanie Dettlinger, Tom Gray, Alison Harrison, Janet Harthen, Donna Hollis, Mary Jane Johnson, Christina Mee, Samantha Mee, Jacqueline Mee, Lynn Mee Duerr, MaryAnn Perryman, Barbara Peterson, Pat Raezler, Nancy Tar)

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
2. Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
3. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Rolf family in loving memory of Joyce Rolf, on the anniversary of her birthday. *Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Dick and Judy Weir in memory of our daughter Jennifer. *Chapel altar flowers* were placed by the Becker Family in loving memory of their father and husband, Rudolf B. Becker, and in celebration of Rudy and Carolyn Becker's 53rd wedding anniversary which they would have celebrated on November 27th.

Altar Guild

Lynn Duerr, Asia Maeder, Mary Ann Perryman, Julie Buechner
Talitha Farah, Kay Scheidt, Barb Button Meier

Greeters

9:00 - The Friedrich Family
10:30 - The Zuliani Family

Ushers

9:00 - Ken Baetz, captain; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring,
Bruce Helmke, Bill Leahy, Tom Boyce
10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen, Jim Staargaard,
Orion Pedersen, Brad Baldner, Ryan Teahan

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Endress
10:30 - Mike Lapinski and Bruce Helmke

Acolytes

9:00 - Nick Mushovic
10:30 - Enzo and Luca Zuliani

Reader

10:30 - Andrea Calvaneso



Thanksgiving Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 27th - 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28th - 9:00am

Church Office Closed - Friday, November 29th



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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.redeemberirmingham.org for more detailed information.



SCAN FOR WEBSITE

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

November 24, 2024

HAPPENING TODAY!

8:00am - Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

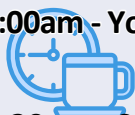
Redeemer Praise meet for their regular rehearsals in the Music Room.

9:15am - Additional Worship service at Churchill's

Pastor Randy is heading up the Churchill's service. His sermon title is: "Putting the "Church" Back in Churchill's"

10:00am - Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Farah

10:00am - Youth Choir Rehearsal for "Wonder of Christmas" Cantata



Join us for Coffee Hour and Fellowship

between the 9:00 and 10:30am Worship Services

10:30am - Sunday School and worship service

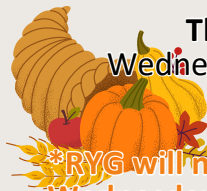
WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

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.

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*RYG will not meet Sunday, November 24th or Wednesday, November 27th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

WORSHIP/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.redeemberirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

Communion - Monday that falls after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

REDEEMER NURSERY

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



NEXT SUNDAY

100TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF EVENT ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

The Lord has blessed Redeemer in a multitude of ways for a century, and we will be celebrating throughout the entire anniversary year. Please follow along in the announcements for ways to participate and serve over the coming months. **Our first event is at Churchill's in Birmingham, followed the next week with a whole congregation celebration during church on December 1st.**

The highlights will include:

- Celebratory worship service
- Historical Photo Display
- Enhanced coffee hour
- Commemorative souvenirs



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to bake!

Helpers are needed for the 100th Anniversary kickoff celebration on **Sunday, December 1st**. We will be having a special coffee hour with all the embellishments, and would love for volunteers to provide some homemade baked goods. **If baking is one of your talents and you are willing to volunteer, we ask that you sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board (behind the coffee hour station in the hallway near the coat room).** Thank you in advance! If you have any questions, just find our fellowship director, **Kim Davis** at coffee hour.

DON'T MISS OUT!



Update from the Call Committee

On November 17th at the Congregational meeting, the Congregation voted to call Pastor Iromar Schreiber to Redeemer as Associate Pastor. Currently Pastor Schreiber has been informed and is prayerfully considering the call.

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

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

The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security.

To enter the church on Sunday mornings please use: the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.

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!!!

2025 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE!!!

Sign-up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel. (Sanctuary/\$55; Chapel/\$50; Lectern/\$45) The sign-up charts are up on the Town Square bulletin board and are also available online via sign-up genius (links found on the front page of the website by clicking the "Ways to Serve" box then the "Altar and Lectern Flower Sign-up" box).

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

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



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

<p>25 7:00pm Worship</p> <p>MON</p>	<p>26 9:30am Bible Study "Heroes of the Bible" Leader: Pastor Jimmy</p> <p>12:00pm Chapel Tree Trimming/Decorating</p> <p>6:30pm Women's Bible Study "The Chosen"</p> <p>6:30pm Redeemer Pickup Basketball</p> <p>TUES</p>	<p>27 6:45am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p> <p>WED</p>	<p>28 9:00am Thanksgiving Day worship</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p>THURS</p>	<p>29 Church office is Closed</p> <p>FRI</p>	<p>30 9:00am Sanctuary and Town Square Decorating</p> <p>SAT</p>
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Sonshine Greeter Volunteers Needed

We have a wonderful tradition of celebrating our 80+ year old members on their birthday with a card, a visit and a small gift. Cards, flowers and gifts are purchased by the church. Cards and gifts can get picked up in the church office and flowers are picked up just down the street at Thrifty's. Some of our seniors just want a card mailed to them and some want a visit. It is a wonderful ministry and we would love you to be a part of it! We are still looking for some helpers to shower our 80+ memers with love.

Contact Cherisse Baetz for more information
248-646-7359.

THANKSGIVING Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving food drive. Westmaple "out-weighed" Redeemer, 784 pounds for Westmaple and 538 for Redeemer!

Congratulations Westmaple!



MINISTRIES AT WORK



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHICKS WITH STICKS

Our fearless leader, Beth Hamada, has gone to heaven and sleeps in the arms of Jesus. She was so inspirational, unique and talented. Even while she lay ill she knit hats for the homeless and when her family brought them in her team of women finished them off, making them ready just in time for the cold weather. Beth was prolific in her joy and love of and for others and truly served her Lord with all her heart. We will continue to carry on the blessing of work Beth began. Janet Kletzli and Jan Endress have stepped up to be co-captains of this ministry and will not miss a step. Thanks to you, Father God, for Beth and the women who follow her. We are indeed blessed. Chicks will meet on **December 5th and 19th in the library at 1:00 p.m.** See you there! New yarn coming!!!! And there is interest in crocheting which has taken Europe by storm. We know how!!!! Come and learn.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group will review *The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer. Berlin, 1930 - When a wave of change sweeps a radical political party to power, Sophie and Jurgen do not share the social views growing popular in Hitler's Germany, Jürgen's position with its burgeoning rocket program changes their diminishing fortunes for the better. But as Sofie watches helplessly, her beloved Berlin begins to transform, forcing her to consider what they must sacrifice morally for their young family's security, and what the price for their neutrality will be. Join us on **Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30pm in the Town Square** as we share our reflections with each other. Come, please!

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP 2025

Women's Book Group wishes you a peaceful and meaningful December and will not meet until **January 24, 2025**, at which time we will read *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson. (Review in January Lamp.)

Here is the list for the rest of the year 2025:

- The Saints of Whistle Grove* by Katie Schuermann
- A Thousand Tomorrows* by Karen Kingsbury
- Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-Li-Jiang
- The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post: A Novel* by Allison Pataki
- The President and the Freedom Fighter* by Brian Kilmeade
- Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls
- Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- 8 Miraculous Months in a Malayan Jungle* by Donald Humphrey
- The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin

Thanks to Stacey Rolf for her wonderful leadership!



MEN'S MINISTRY

A Great Christmas Present for Hockey Fans!



RED WINGS FAITH NIGHT

MEN'S MINISTRY 2025 KICK-OFF FOR REDEEMER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

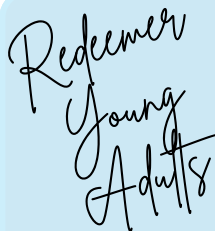
Join us at Little Caesar's Arena on Thursday, January 23rd for a very special event!

An inspirational concert followed by an exciting game against the Montreal Canadiens! We have a block of seats in the upper bowl near center ice.

Ticket prices are \$65 each.

For more information, contact Gary Priskorn (248.561.2641) or Jon Duff (248.214.9037).

YOUNG ADULTS



BIBLE STUDY:

First Thursday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHESES:

Once a Month after Church

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

RYG - HIGH SCHOOL

DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 1 - Youth Room Decorating

December 3 - ABC for girls only

December 4 - Core group

December 8 - White Elephant

December 9 - Family of God

December 11 - Core group

December 15 - Christmas Heart of Worship

December 18 - Core group

NO youth activities on December 22, 25, 29

Make sure you follow RYG on instagram for event updates and photos @redeemer_y00th

COUNSELING

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

Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.
248-586-6040

ATTENTION REDEEMER MEN!

Did you know we have a Pastoral Counselor for you here at Redeemer – Rev. Ronald Farah - that you can talk to man to man? Don't hesitate to call Rev. Farah at 248-642-3137 to make an appointment.

READY OR NOT...CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

LET'S DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!

NOTE: NEW DATE FOR CHAPEL DECORATING

We will meet **Tuesday, November 26!** Trees will be put together beginning at 10:30 and decorating will begin just before noon (to allow our tree builders plenty of time to do their work). When we finish we will enjoy lunch together. **Sign up on the clipboard in the Town Square.** And, thanks from a grateful Kitty for your help!

CHANCEL AND TOWN SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING AND WE WANT YOU!

Chancel and Town Square decorating takes place on **Saturday, November 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** We need strong men to help erect our 15' Christmas trees and a steady guy on the ladder for the topper. We need helpful hands with wreaths and roping, outdoor décor, candles and swags and all things in-between. Lunch will be served. Snacks are abundant. Fellowship is great and I would love to work alongside you. Call Kitty to sign up or put your name on the list on the Town Square bulletin board. See you there!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Daily Advent Devotional books will go out this coming week via email. If you would like a daily Advent Devotional emailed to you to follow throughout the Advent season, PLEASE email office@redeemberirmingham.org or find our Advent Devotional Books available online on the main page of our website. If you are a paper kind of person, you may find them at one of our informational stations around the building. (*Sanctuary and Chapel entryway*)

CHRISTMAS BRING & SING!

BRING a toy for children in need and SING Christmas songs! It happens on **Sunday December 8th**, during the 10:30am service. Kids of all ages will process into worship with an unwrapped toy to give to kiddos in need. Then, we're performing a couple of Christmas songs – there's a role for every age group! **COSTUMES ARE PROVIDED!** Please sign up on the church website (*under Ministries/Family Life*)! Contact **Laura Vowell** or **Nicole Olds** with questions.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Join us for a fun meal of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, bagels, & more! PLUS...a visit from Santa! It all happens on **Christmas Eve (Sunday 12/24) in the Gym, following 10am worship.** Please sign-up on the church website or the Town Square bulletin board! *Contact the Church office with questions or for more information!*

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 7:00pm (Chapel)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
8:00am (Chapel) and 9:00am/10:30am (Sanctuary)

December 1: Regular Worship Services
Special 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Coffee Hour Gathering

December 8: Regular Worship - 8:00am
Lessons & Carols - 9:00am and 10:30am
Christmas Bring and Sing - 10:30am

December 15: Regular Worship Services

December 22: Regular Worship - 8:00am
Wonder of Christmas Cantata - 9:00am and 10:30am

December 24: Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight and Carols - 10:00am, 4:00pm, 8:00pm
Breakfast with Santa - after 10:00am service

December 29: Regular Worship Services

LOOK for your copy of this Christmas Worship Schedule in the mail along with Redeemer's Christmas Card. See who WON the Christmas Card Contest! Lots of AMAZING entries this year! WAY TO GO KIDS!

FAMILY ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING!

It has been a long-standing tradition at Redeemer for families to participate in our Advent worship services by lighting the Advent wreath candles together. **Each Sunday in Advent (December 1st, 8th, 15), we need a family to light the Advent wreath candles during 9:00am, 10:30am.** Families of any shape and size can do this – young families, couples, parents with their adult children, and beyond! If your family is interested, please sign-up via the church website (*under Ministries/Family Life*). Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions or for more information.

ST. LUCIA GIRL & CHIME RINGERS

We are in need of a girl dressed in their Christmas best, to carry the Christmas candle to the altar for our Christmas Eve services on Sunday 12/24. A chime ringer for that portion of the service is also needed. If you have a child who is interested, please sign up on the church website (*under Ministries/Family Life*). It is VERY easy – no experience necessary! Contact the church office (office@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions.



MINISTRIES AT WORK for Christmas

ENRICHING WOMEN

Christmas Whispers

Our booster shot, our preventive action, our cherish Christmas activity is to gather together at the home of Erin Mortenson (sign up sheet on the Town Square bulletin board) on **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00pm** for appetizers, desserts, refreshments for the body and the soul along with fellowship for everyone. We share favorite stories, poetry, music, laughter, love and joy with each other as we move around the circle waiting for each anecdote and personal message from our guests. It is easy! Just pick out a Christmas memory, story, incident and share it with the rest of us. Bring an appetizer, finger dessert or beverage (see sign-up) and join in the true meaning of Christmas and all it promises. See you there! (Kitty could use help taking extra chairs over to the house and back to church.....let her know if you can help.)

Annual Advent by Candlelight

"Keeping Christmas"

Would you like to listen to beautiful music, hear personal testimony from other women, eat wonderful appetizers and desserts, share an evening with friends and family....? Then this is an evening for you. Advent by Candlelight is an almost 40 year tradition here at Redeemer, growing from a few to many who want to be immersed in hope, peace, love and joy. If you have not been seated please let Kitty know and she will put you on the guest list and find you a seat at the table. Because our tables are pre-reserved, seating will be at a premium and it is difficult to seat drop-ins so let me know asap. ABC takes place on **Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm**.



MELODIES OF DECEMBER

Sunday, December 8

Lessons and Carols - during 9:00 and 10:30 worship
Langsford Men's Chorus Christmas Concert - 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 10

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit
Christmas Concert (10:30am) & Luncheon (12:00pm)

Sunday, December 15

Birmingham Concert Band - 3:00pm

Saturday, December 21

Silver Lake Christmas Concert - 7:30pm

Sunday, December 22

Christmas Cantata - during 9:00 and 10:30 worship



HELPING OTHERS

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ELDERLY AND SHUT-INS!

CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION FAMILIES & INTERESTED REDEEMER MEMBERS!



Christmas Card Project Packets are available in the West Entrance vestibule to sign-up and take home this Christmas season! Instructions and all materials are provided for you and your family members to sign cards, write a comforting message or Bible verse, and decorate the outside front of the envelope with a festive or spiritual picture. Drawings can be simple - a cross, a tree, or candy cane - or as detailed as you wish.

PLEASE - NO STAMPS AND DO NOT MAIL!

Return completed cards and extra materials in the same bag and put in the DROP BOX by December 8th!

All cards will be hand-delivered to care facilities in the Metro area. Your loving heart and giving spirit at this time of year will touch the hearts of so many elderly folks - a small reminder that they are not forgotten!

Please call **Leslie Whitfield** (248.330.8685) with any questions. With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you all!



Angel Tree

PROVIDE THE HOMELESS A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS!

Angel Tree Tags are on the tree! What happiness is in store for the residents of Grace Centers of Hope. We are serving people who are recovering from addiction, abuse and homelessness! Some have made it into the step down program and are almost ready for independence, others are hard at work getting healthy and sober. Each resident is allowed six wishes and most ask for practical things, except for the kids who want what all kids want....ear buds, tablets, teddy bears, Spiderman and new shoes.

Come on Redeemer, let's share our blessings with those who have few and rejoice in our ability to do so. **Gifts are due back in on Sunday, December 8 and must have the tag taped to the package. This is different than what your tag says.** Please include the receipt in case the item is not a fit. No gift cards or coupons as per requested by GHC.

Elves needed to sort and bag up all gifts. Grace Centers of Hope has changed the procedures so we will need people to be extra careful when sorting and adding the product tags to all gifts! Let Kitty know by signing up on the clipboard in the box outside her office door. **We meet Monday, December 9 at 12:30!** Thank you!

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans
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 - The Chosen (4)
*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

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.

Women's Bible Study SCHEDULE

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study will not meet again until **Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30** for a little renewal just before Christmas. We will break for several weeks and return on **January 14 at 6:30** in the Great Room.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Join us for conversation and community in Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting. We meet from **9:15 - 10:45am on Wednesdays in the Great Room** - every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us whenever you can. Positive Parenting is open to everyone, regardless of the ages of your children. There is always childcare available with no need to sign up in advance! Contact **Kristin Thompson** (kethompson1@gmail.com) or **Victoria Ilitch** (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

NOVEMBER 27: NO MEETING

MISSIONS

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, shop for items, donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals.*

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, please contact **Laura Vowell**.

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.

HURRICANE RELIEF CLOSING 11/30/2024

Thank you to everyone who has donated to help those impacted by the recent hurricanes! Redeemer's congregation has raised \$7,528 so far, with a match of \$5,000 by the church - totaling \$12,528! All donations will go to Samaritan's Purse, who mobilizes staff and equipment and enlist thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of natural disasters. We are still accepting donations - please make checks payable to **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** and put "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line, or pay online with the QR code.



A VISIT FROM THE HOLY LAND

On Dec 8 2024 and during all services, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land. After each service a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem will be available for purchase in the Town Square. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts.

The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war. Due to this, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. Today Christian population is less than 1% in the Holy Land. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings. A Christian family from Bethlehem will be telling us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and they will be presenting these carvings after the services. It is never too late to help. All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem. Let us carefully tend our roots, the Christians of the Holy Land.

And let us pray together for peace in the Holy Land.

LAST CHANCE

100TH ANNIVERSARY

REDEEMERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS HAPPENING

How do I sign up?

ONLINE:

- **Step 1:** Scan this QR Code
- **Step 2:** Enter Redeemer Church Code: *mi1957*
- **Step 3:** Redeemer Church Password: *photos*

BY EMAIL:

Email Lynn Kubik Mee Duerr at lynnkubikmee@yahoo.com

BY PHONE:

Call Lynn at #248-891-2734



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Current Photo Sessions Available

Friday, November 29: 2pm-8pm

Saturday, November 30: 10am-4pm

GUESS WHAT REDEEMER? WE ARE WRITING A BOOK!

YOU are writing a book! Oh, yes you are!



The forms are around the church, in fact, Kitty may hand you one in person and ask you to fill it out. Write 250 words or less about how you came to Redeemer. Include a favorite scripture at the bottom of the page and our little committee (reserving the right to edit) will put your journey on paper to create a beautiful book for our 100th Anniversary celebration here at church. Your book "Through These Doors" will be a history of our people who found a spiritual home in this place. What motivated you? Anyone walk with you? Journey difficult, easy or both? What did you gain? Lose? Tell us your story! Search your past, your heart and memory and let us know how you became part of Redeemer's history.

Questions? Contact Miss Kitty.

Deadline for submission January 17, 2025



TEASER AND TRIVIA

In 1979, Lutheran High School Northwest was housed at Redeemer. They had approximately 110 students enrolled and used 7 classrooms. Despite the initial concerns, the students cleaned up after each day and our normal activities were able to proceed in the evenings.

After one year, Northwest found a home in an old elementary school and remained there until they built the current facility in Rochester Hills.



If you look at the 1940's groundbreaking photo in the History display in the Town Square, you will see the fathers of the two longest serving members of our congregation. Jeanne Hollis' father, William Dalquist and Paul Chesna's father, Gustave Chesna are pictured in that photo. Gustave Chesna was one of our founding members.

Holy History display panels in the Town Square

After a year and a half of planning and researching, we have launched our Holy History display panels. We hope you enjoy them as they change each month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer. I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the committee that I have been so blessed to work with. **Beth Lanthier, Stacey Rolf, Filippa Mammel, Ginny Schalm and Marilyn Staargard** – you all are the best! You've been so dedicated and fun! We have learned that we each have specific God-given gifts that we bring to the table and we've seen them work in harmony toward the greater goal. You have all understood the assignment and embraced it fully. You each have a love for this church and our mutual Redeemer home and it shows. I couldn't have asked for a better team! An extra thank you to **Jon Duff and Barbi and David Hardoin** for their help and assistance along the way. And a special thanks to **Andrea Schlak** for being a great leader on this anniversary celebration!

Debi Hollis

100TH ANNIVERSARY "IN MEMORIAM COFFEE HOUR"

Redeemer's anniversary historical committee has been hard at work for over a year getting ready for our centennial celebration. During the upcoming anniversary year, you will see a rotating display of historical photos and documents commemorating our history. However, some of our history is extremely personal as you remember those Redeemer members from your own family who are now in the glory of heaven. So that you can honor them in your own personal way, we have blocked off many Sundays throughout the anniversary year for you to host a coffee hour in their memory. This would be an opportunity to bring pictures and memorabilia that really tell a story. If you have never hosted coffee hour before, Kim Davis will guide you through the process and give you any help you may need. You may even want to consider hosting with another family.

The sign up sheet and instructions will be available beginning December 1st, during coffee hour. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Schlak, 100th Anniversary Coordinator, at schlakandrea@gmail.com.



Westmaple Nursery School is once again offering an opportunity for early enrollment, for the 2025/2026 school year, to members of Redeemer and returning Westmaple families. *If you wish to enroll, please contact the director, Patricia Raezler at (248) 646-5155 or email at westmaple@redeemberirmingham.org.* Pre-enrollment began November 15 and must be completed by December 18, 2024 or you will be placed on the bottom of the wait list.



PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Sara Amos
- Baby David
- Tom, friends of the Artelt's
- Melissa
- Philip York, friend of the Lewis'
- John Antone, friend of Adam Camden
- Dorthy, Friend of Bruce Helmke
- Carolyn, friend of Sharon Tylenda
- Trevor
- The Briskey Family
- Pat Nehls
- Amy Wargelin
- Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Eddie George, brother of Michele Ostrander

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- President Biden 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.
- For all those in Florida and North Carolina who are in need of help, due to hurricanes Helene and Milton.

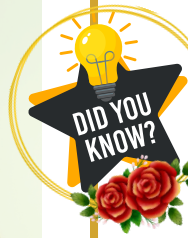
Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
- For the marriage of Josh Hessen and Amanda Ingledue who were married on November 16 in Redeemer's Sanctuary.

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 and we will add you our email list.

LUTHERAN HOURS MINISTRIES HAS AN ANNUAL FLOAT IN THE ROSE PARADE!



"Behold! Jesus the Savior is Born" will be the theme of the Lutheran Hour Ministries float in the 2025 Tournament of the Roses Parade on January 1st! The float will feature two heralding angels calling viewers to the birth of Jesus and to the church where Jesus may be found. The stained-glass windows will feature best days of Jesus' life. Visit petalpushers.org to learn more!

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

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Ezekiel 47:1-48:35
1 Peter 2:11-3:7
Psalm 119:49-64
Proverbs 28:12-13

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Daniel 1:1-2:23
1 Peter 3:8-4:6
Psalm 119:65-80
Proverbs 28:14

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Daniel 2:24-3:30
1 Peter 4:7-5:14
Psalm 119:81-96
Proverbs 28:15-16

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Daniel 4:1-37
2 Peter 1:1-21
Psalm 119:97-112
Proverbs 28:17-18

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Daniel 5:1-31
2 Peter 2:1-22
Psalm 119:113-128
Proverbs 28:19-20

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Daniel 6:1-28
2 Peter 3:1-18
Psalm 119:129-152
Proverbs 28:21-22

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Daniel 7:1-28
1 John 1:1-10
Psalm 119:153-176
Proverbs 28:23-24