

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



THE LAMP

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

JULY 2024

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July ★★



Give 'em Watts, Boys!

Rev. James Caldwell was sympathetic to the rebels/patriots, his home and church were burned to the ground by Loyalists in 1780.

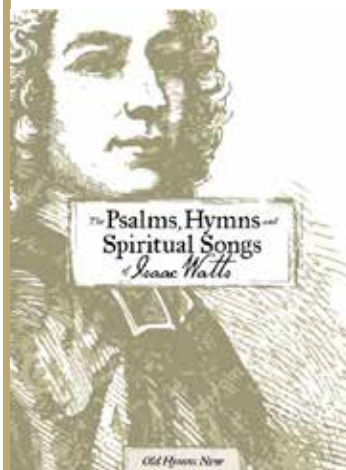


Pastor Randall

When Caldwell was with the Continental Army at Morristown, the British, Hessian and Loyalists moved through the area where Mrs. Caldwell lived with their 9 children and was shot in her home and killed.

After a short time after her death, the British engaged the Continental Army at the Battle of Springfield. During the fight, the Continentals ran low on the paper wadding that was used to pack the powder and ball in the musket.

At this time the hymnal being used in most churches (Presbyterian and Congregational) was a hymnal containing psalms and hymns, written and assembled by Rev. Isaac Watts. The writer of many great hymns including *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Joy to the World, Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, just to name a few.



Reverend Caldwell, in seeing the need for paper to pack the muskets, ran into a church and grabbed Watts' hymnals and brought them to the regiment and shouted, "Give them Watt's boys, give them Watt's", the soldiers tore out the pages to make the much-needed wadding.

The battle of Springfield was the last major engagement in the northern colonies, and it was a Continental victory!

Happy Independence Day

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Our mission is to faithfully communicate the love of God, nurture people in their Christian faith, and equip people to bring the love of Jesus to others.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays - 8:00am (Chapel), 9:00, *10:30am (Sanctuary)

Mondays - 7:00pm (Chapel)

* Livestreamed service

Communion Schedule

1st & 3rd Sundays - 9:00am and 10:30am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sun./Mon. - Sun. 8:00am; Mon. 7:00pm

Stewardship Report

Month: May	2024	2023
Weekly Attendance Averages		
Worship	386	401
Bible Class	125	130
Sunday School	11	22
Monthly Attendance Totals		
Communion	598	805
Visitors	34	35
Month: May	2024	2023
Income and Expenses		
Income received	\$126,981	\$165,745
Budget requirements	\$134,156	\$165,389
General fund expenses	\$181,928	\$177,016
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$1,699,408	\$1,730,680
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$1,586,034	\$1,538,421

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

THE REWARDS OF GODLINESS

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1-3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking

the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28-29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.




MUSIC MINISTRY

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED FOR SUMMER SERVICES

Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would be willing to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for the 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer, please let Steve SeGraves know. (ssegraves@redeemberirmingham.org) Summer Music will be needed **all the way through Labor Day weekend**. We invite you to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer.

JULY Lamp



In Memory
GIVE A MEMORIAL GIFT

A memorial is a gift given in memory of someone who has gone to be with their Lord. If you would like to donate to a specific ministry in memory of someone who has passed, you can use a memorial card located in the church office or specify on your check the ministry and the person whom you are memorializing.

Often times, families would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one, (ie. paschal candles, benches, altar items, trees...any items the church may need). For more information on this, please contact Pastor Randy, the senior pastor.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Thank you for the freedom I have in you. Thank you for the sacrifice you made on the Cross that allows me to live a life free from the bondage of sin. Help me to walk in the truth of your Word today and every day. I pray that you would help me to overcome any temptation or struggle that may come my way.





How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

1. Go to the church website
www.redeemberirmingham.org
2. Click the first *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
3. Click on the video that has the **LIVE** indicator. **The indicator will appear when the service starts.**



IMPORTANT NOTE: When viewing on smartphone or tablet: Right below the church description, select the word **VIDEO** to watch the current live video and **ABOUT** to learn more about Redeemer. You can watch **PAST VIDEOS** under the Showcase option.

How do I watch past services or other videos on demand?

1. Go to the church website
www.redeemberirmingham.org
2. Click the second *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
3. This will take you to “Redeemer’s Showcase Page” where you can view all of Redeemer’s past videos. Choose the category you’d like and select the video.

Please feel free to call the church office if you are having trouble viewing any videos.

NOTE: If you are having a difficult time hearing the audio on vimeo, press the closed-caption option to READ what is being said. The closed caption button is the CC (in a box) on the lower right of the screen.

Altar Flowers!

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 www.redeemberirmingham.org by clicking the **Ways to Serve** box then the **Altar and Lectern Flower Signup** box). Once you sign-up, you will be contacted about a dedication/payment a month before your date OR you can fill out your dedication form and pay online with a link in the flower chart signup. When picking up your flowers, **please leave the flower liners behind for the next week’s flowers!!!** You can pick up Sanctuary flower after 10:30am worship and Chapel flowers after the Monday 7pm worship. If you need assistance, please contact the church office at 248-644-4010 or office@redeemberirmingham.org and we would be happy to assist you!

IMPORTANT Kitchen

Notes - GREEN DOT

Have you seen those little green dots on different edible items in the kitchen? Those dots are an invitation to eat all or a little of whatever is wrapped beneath. No dot - no eat! Food in the fridges can be put there ahead of meal prep and is counted on for that purpose. A recent situation involved the loss of foodstuffs just prior to a celebration. So disappointing for everyone. Please remember only items marked with a green dot are available for consumption. This includes freezer, fridge, pantry and counter goods. Thanks for your help!

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

Be a Reader*

Would you like to read the Old Testament and Epistle Scripture verses during worship? We need readers ages 5-95 for ALL worship services! You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting the church office (office@redeemberirmingham.org).



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 QR code to go to **Redeemer's website** click on the **WAYS TO SERVE** box to sign up to **VOLUNTEER**

** signups are also available on the Town Square bulletin board*

Mystery Prelude

Our very own Rick Helderop will play one of your favorite/meaningful songs in the Prelude spot at all the Sunday Services for that day (8am, 9am and 10:30am). It doesn't have to be a hymn! It can be your wedding song, a song that reminds you of a loved one, or even a catchy tune you just LOVE! Your name and the significance of your selection will be printed in the bulletin and the song will be revealed in the announcements. Sign up for one of the available Sundays on the front page of



the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the form. It is \$10 and ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION FUND! Thank you for participating!

Be a Greeter*

Can you say "good morning"? Can you shake hands and smile? Do you have 15 extra minutes on a random Sunday morning? Are you looking for an easy way to service your church? Then YOU can do a very important outreach job... greeting! Redeemer is looking for volunteers to help greet at the Town Square doors before the 9am and 10:30am services. Grab a friend or your family! This is a great, easy way to get kids involved with serving the congregation. You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

ITTY-BITTY BUDDY BAGS

Welcome, little ones, to Redeemer! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with mommy and daddy by borrowing an Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for babies and toddlers. Filled with soft toys, books and cuddly things, you can learn to listen, watch, and participate in the service. Please return used bags to Nicole Olds' office after the service. If you want to play and make a lot of noise, we have a nursery just for you with lots of toys.



COMMUNION
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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

July 10

If you would like to be a part of the Leadership team, please let Pastor Randy or the church office know. Please provide a paragraph as to how you feel you can contribute to the team.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

See You in September!

ATTENTION

ANYONE WHO HAS EMAIL!

If you ever receive an email from Pastor Randy asking for gift cards or ANYTHING of value, **please disregard it.** Always look very carefully at the **email address.** If it is not from **rschlak@redeemberirmingham.org**, it is **NOT FROM** Pastor Randy. **Please ignore the email and DO NOT REPLY.** If you are uncertain, you can always forward the email to office@redeemberirmingham.org or call the church office at 248-644-4010 and we will look into it for you.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

Please make sure you login to **ShelbyNext Membership** to confirm/update your family's profile information OR send your updated information to office@redeemberirmingham.org. (If you need your login credentials for ShelbyNext, reach out to the church office). You can download the **ShelbyNext Membership app** on your smart device (**redeemberirmingham** is the domain name you enter) to have access to the directory and church calendar on the go or you can login to Church Membership on your desktop computer from the front page of our website.

****Please note, we no longer mail a printed directory because the information in our online directory is always current. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the church office at office@redeemberirmingham.org and we can print the most current directory.**

POSITIVE PARENTING



Positive parenting will return this fall! Look in the Bulletin and future LAMPS for more details.



Lutheran Adult Gathering

October 11-13, 2024

Mackinac Island - Grand Hotel

2024 Theme is "New Beginnings IN HIS PRESENCE" based on Revelation 21:5

National Renowned Speakers will inspire and encourage the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel

Register Online at michigandistrict.org/lag24

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Rev. Ronald Farah - *The Study of Romans*
Sundays, after 9am service (Scheidt Room)

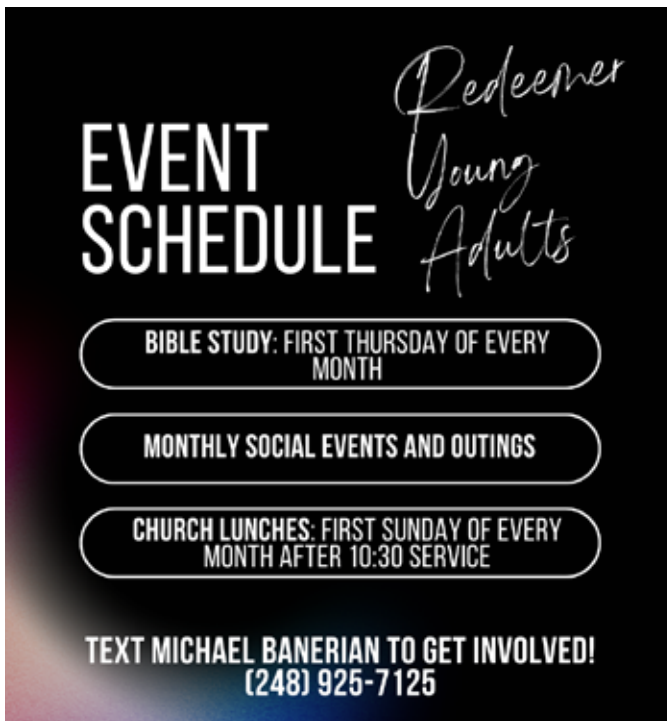
Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds
Sundays, 10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer -
pop up study - July 16, Aug 14
Tuesdays, 6:30pm (Library) beginning in the fall
*4th Tuesday starts at 6pm

Men's Bible Study
Gary Priskorn - *Study of Acts* *Zoom available
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Great Room)

Summer RYG and JAMS
Wednesdays, 6-8pm - Starts June 26
Pizza dinner begins at 6:00 on the playground and then the two groups
retreat to their designated spots
RYG (High School) - Gia Scheidt (Youth Room)
JAMS (Middle School) - Laura Vowell (Gym)

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



EVENT SCHEDULE Redeemer Young Adults

BIBLE STUDY: FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENTS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHESES: FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER 10:30 SERVICE

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

AUGUST EVENTS

August 5, 12, 19, 26th
Join us Monday nights for a Light Dinner prior to worship

August 14, 21, 28
RYG Core and Summer JAMS

August 7
RYG & JAMS Cedar Point

August 12
FOG

August 13
Women's Pop-up Bible Study

August 14
Men's Golf and BBQ
Leadership Team Meeting

August 15
A Day at the Cottage

August 27
Women's Book Group



MISSIONS



A note of Thanks from



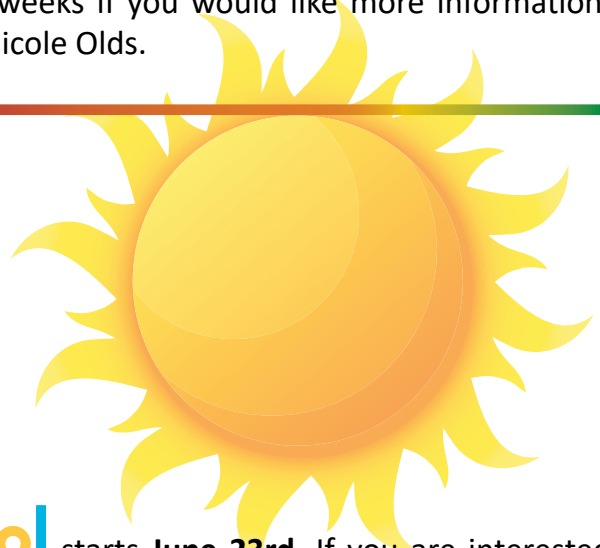
Therese, Christie, and all the amazing ladies with iZosh,
Thank you so much for the opportunity to visit with you and tell you about The Mandate. It was so much fun for me. The Mandate appreciates your gift and we allocated it to the sewing school to continue your mission to promote women in commerce.
May God Bless each of you!
Jennifer Cummings

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Scamper Camp 2024

Preschool camps that run throughout the summer on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There is still space in some of our weeks if you would like more information, please contact Nicole Olds.



Teachers Needed!

Summer Sunday School starts **June 23rd**. If you are interested in helping out by teaching you can sign up on our website or use the Sign up Genius here. Summer is a time for slowing down and enjoying fellowship so we have a lesson and then head to the playground for popsicles and play. I have the lesson and any supplies you might need. It is a great way to meet the kids of the congregation and show them how important God is to the young and old! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845A8AE2CA13-49607947-summer>

Weddings

4/5/2024 Wedding of *Nicolas William Petrucci* and *Amanda Eve Rogers*

Baptisms

5/5/2024 *Clara Jane Warwick* son of Kyle and Jessica (Glessmann) Warwick

Funerals

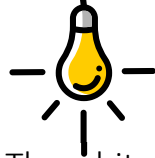
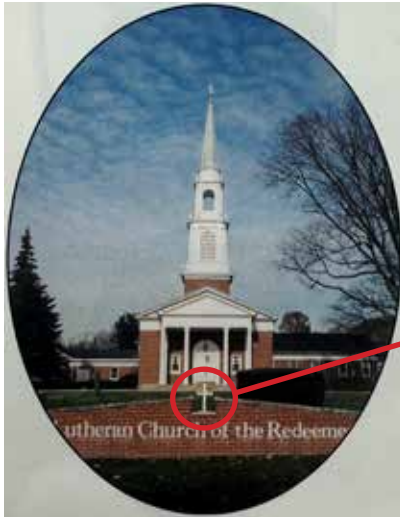
5/22/2024 *Jon Michael Oen*

5/31/2024 *Thomas G. Ernst*

PASTORAL ACTS



Did You Know?



The white cross from our original sign, has found a new home. Thank You Fred for cleaning the area between Redeemer and Mills Pharmacy and finding a place to display the cross. When you drive by the Chapel, take a look!



Join us for

Monday Night Fellowship Dinners

Monday, June 3rd thru August 26

6:30pm dinner - 7pm worship

on the front lawn or in the Chapel narthex (depending on the weather)





247 KIDS,
23 TEACHERS,
71 TEEN VOLUNTEERS,
OVER 220 TOYS DONATED,
5 BIBLE VERSES LEARNED,
7 SONGS SUNG,
AND COUNTLESS SMILES!!






GOLF FUNDRAISER
 September 7, 2024
 @ The WestWynd
 Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade trip to Washington DC
 Register by July 15 @ www.ourshepherd.net/golf





CAMP MICHAWANA
 WHERE CHRIST IS FIRST

Kamp 2024 dates
Sunday 7/28 – Saturday 8/3.

Registration is open to all! To register and to find more information, please visit the Kamp section of the church website! All questions can be directed to the Kamp Director, Tim Springer Jr. (redeemerkamp@gmail.com, 248-930-2215). To view videos of past years' fun go to our website and click on ministries - Redeemer Summer Kamp - Kamp photos & videos.

REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP!
REGISTER NOW!!!



You can also go to www.redeemberirmingham.org and click the box below to register!

Thursday August
8
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

B.E.N. BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

LOCATION - Church of the Redeemer
 1800 W. Maple Rd.

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
 Call 866-MIBLOOD or scan the QR code to schedule:


 SCAN ME

Donate and get a custom Versiti tote, while supplies last.

Complete your screening questions the day of your donation using Versipass:

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

AUGUST 8, 2024 from 8:30am to 1:00pm

Here In Redeemer's Gym

- GIVE BLOOD -




save LIFE

Click to GIVE Blood!

RYG = REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



"redeemer_y00th"

ALWAYS
CHECK INSTAGRAM
FOR ANY
SCHEDULE CHANGES

FAMILY OF GOD
feeding the poor
RYG cooks and serves on the 2nd
Monday of the Month
July 8th August 12
Come join us to help others

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RYG SUNDAY NIGHTS
SUMMER
BREAK
See Ya in the Fall!

JAMS & RYG GO TO CEDAR POINT!

Students going into grades 6-12 are invited for a day of fun on the roller coasters of Cedar Point on **Wednesday, August 7th!** The cost is \$50 and includes admission, travel to & from park, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's Office, Laura's Office, or download one from the church website. Forms & money are due on Sunday 7/21 – LIMITED QUANTITY OF SPOTS! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

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SUMMER JAMS & RYG!

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG** at NO COST! Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go in the Gym to play games and RYG will go to the Youth Room for Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at the same time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

****NO MEETING on
Wednesday 7/3 or
Wednesday 7-31!**



CELEBRATE.....

100

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS

Redeemer's 100th Anniversary

As you may know, Redeemer will soon reach a major milestone. We have been blessed by God in countless ways, and have been serving Him as a congregation for nearly an entire century. There are many celebratory things in the works, beginning with our **kickoff Sunday on December 1st** of this year. In 2025 you can look forward to special meals and coffee hours, guest speakers, community events, charity focused outreach, Westmaple anniversary recognition, and a host of other fun and legacy building events.

There is one committee that has already been putting in months of work for this celebration. Our historical committee is deep into the process of organizing 100 years of information to be presented throughout the anniversary year. They have even been giving some informative and entertaining "teasers" in the bulletin and Lamp. This work will not only benefit the anniversary celebration, but will live on in our archives for generations to come. The committee is headed by Debi Hollis, and includes longtime members: Beth Lanthier, Filippa Mammel, Stacey Rolf and Ginny Schalm. Also, due to popular demand, there will be a 100th anniversary edition of a church pictorial directory. Lynn Duerr has graciously volunteered to head this up. There will be times, dates and more information on this communicated soon. More exciting details and volunteer opportunities will be coming in the next several months.

Andrea Schlak, Anniversary Celebration Coordinator

Garden Walk!

Julie Dawson is a well-known artist, author and gardener right here in Birmingham. In summer she opens her home and grounds to a small group of people at a time and we would like to be in that small group of people who are treated to her hospitality. She has **Wednesday, July 17th from 12:30-3:30** reserved just for us and is looking forward to hosting our small group. We can sign 15 individuals up for this tour. Sign-up is on the Town Square bulletin board and you will need to make your reservation now! There is no charge and the tour is approximately 3 hours. Lock in this event and join Kaki Mammel and Miss Kitty in the garden.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHICKS WITH STICKS



Redeemer Chicks is taking a break this summer from meeting BUT.....that doesn't mean you need to stop knitting and crocheting.

We have lots of yarn in the Trinity Room. There are also 15 or so skeins of new yarn that we purchased with our Thrivent grant. Yarn will be replenished all summer long as the space becomes available. Stop by often to see what new yarn entices you. I

hope you can knit/crochet all summer so that we have a nice big pile of hats and scarves to donate next November to our less fortunate neighbors in Detroit.

The Detroit Street Outreach Ministry will be offering hats and scarves to both men AND women **this fall**. So we can start making hats and scarves in any fun colors that women will like.

Thank you for serving Jesus through your knitting and crocheting!



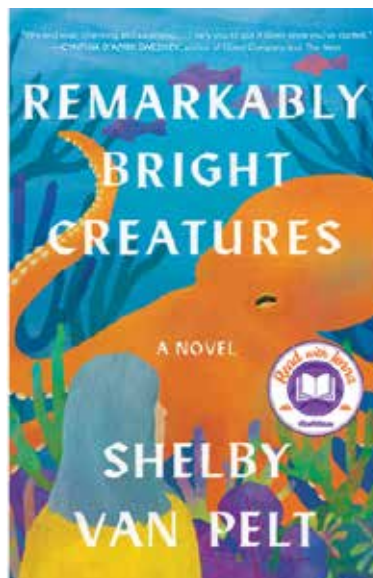
Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Pop-Ups! Join us on **Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30** for a little walk in the Word. Pop-Ups are designed to bring a Bible lesson that stands on its own and leaves us filled. We will have snacks/dessert and fellowship along with our study and invite you and your friends to give study a try if you haven't already. We will meet in the Great Room at Redeemer. The Town Square bulletin board has a place for you to sign-up and that would help me prepare for all of you. Bring a friend....lessons will be mighty, meaty but meant for all. Questions? Call Kitty at 248 644-4010! Contact misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org!



Women's Book Group

Join the Women's Book Group on **Tuesday, July 23 at 7:00** for a robust discussion on Shelby VanPelt's book Remarkably Bright Creatures! What does a misanthropic octopus have in common with Tova, a widowed aquarium employee? Not much, until a friendship develops following a daring tank rescue, and Marcellus McSquiddles happily uses all eight of his tentacles, his three hearts, plus his sharp brain, to solve the soul-scarring mystery of Tova's son Erik's disappearance thirty years ago.



Utterly original, funny, wise, and heartwarming (be warned: there'll be tears as well as giggles), Remarkably Bright Creatures will have readers falling hard for an acerbic invertebrate whose intervention in his new friend's life sets her up for healing lessons in love, loss, and family. We will enjoy your company and a good review. See you in the Town Square!



This month we'll take a look back at the Worship Ministry and Staff at Redeemer. Worship ministry includes our Ushers, Elders, Acolytes, Greeters, Altar Guild, and Lay Readers. These are all volunteer positions, and we are so blessed to have such an abundance of parishioners that help out in the area of Worship. Thank you!

Kitty joined the full-time staff in 1995 as Director of Outreach and Children's Ministry. Gary has been on staff since 2000, when he was hired as the Minister of Discipleship.

Laura, Nicole, and Gia have been members since they were kids and now lead our Family Life Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Senior High Youth Group. Steve has been our Music Minister since 2009. Redeemer is blessed to have so many long-time staff members, and you will learn more about them in 2025!

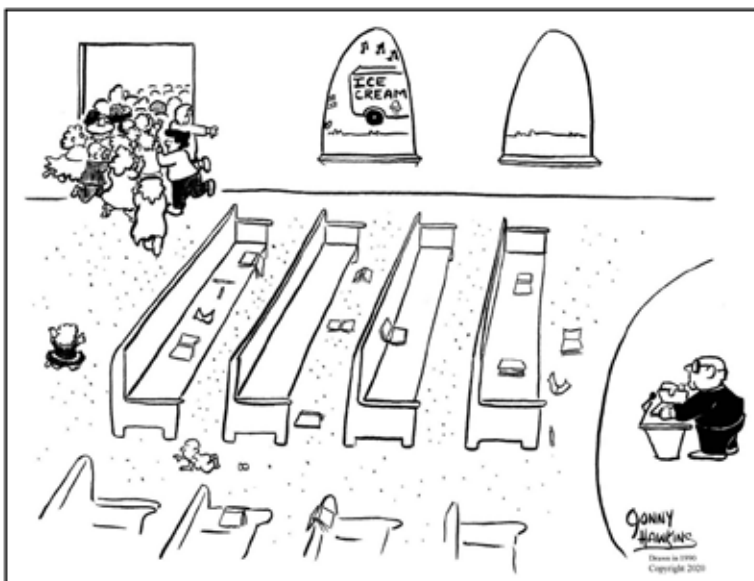
Of course, our staff is blessed with volunteers and support staff that help out around the church. Jon Duff made a spreadsheet that included every sermon topic preached at Redeemer. Bill Cordes helped out with the grounds and building upkeep, performing a heroic duckling rescue in the courtyard! Sue Soltess volunteered her time to create and maintain the archives, for which the history committee is very thankful! She retired this past year.

Teaser and Trivia for our Staff and Worship Ministry

Our office staff has had a weekly volunteer for over 40 years. She started helping out when her daughter started preschool at Westmaple. Any ideas?



Last month, we asked a question about Redeemer's seminarians that went on to become ordained ministers in the LCMS. Here are their names and their present locations in the LCMS.



- Dr. Geoff Boyle (*Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN*)
- Rev. Aaron Richert (*Albuquerque, NM*)
- Rev. Mark Wuggazer (*Cypress, TX*)
- Rev. C J Luttimen (*Wichita, KS*)
- Rev. Mark Bushuiakovish (*Nashville, TN*)
- Rev. Kevin Jones (*Bay City, MI*)
- Rev. Steve Smith (*Cedarburg, WI*)
- Rev. Jimmy Greenwalt (*you know where to find him!*)



Bible Reading Plan

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2 Kings 18:13-19:37
Acts 21:1-17
Psalm 149:1-9
Proverbs 18:8

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2 Kings 20:1-22:2
Acts 21:18-36
Psalm 150:1-6
Proverbs 18:9-10

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2 Kings 22:3-23:30
Acts 21:37-22:16
Psalm 1:1-6
Proverbs 18:11-12

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2 Kings 23:31-25:30
Acts 22:17-23:10
Psalm 2:1-12
Proverbs 18:13

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1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17
Acts 23:11-35
Psalm 3:1-8
Proverbs 18:14-15

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1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4
Acts 24:1-27
Psalm 4:1-8
Proverbs 18:16-18

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1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17
Acts 25:1-27
Psalm 5:1-12
Proverbs 18:19

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1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81
Acts 26:1-32
Psalm 6:1-10
Proverbs 18:20-21

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1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40
Acts 27:1-20
Psalm 7:1-17
Proverbs 18:22

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1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14
Acts 27:21-44
Psalm 8:1-9
Proverbs 18:23-24

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1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18
Acts 28:1-31
Psalm 9:1-12
Proverbs 19:1-3

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1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17
Romans 1:1-17
Psalm 9:13-20
Proverbs 19:4-5

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1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36
Romans 1:18-32
Psalm 10:1-15
Proverbs 19:6-7

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1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17
Romans 2:1-24
Psalm 10:16-18
Proverbs 19:8-9

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1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30
Romans 2:25-3:8
Psalm 11:1-7
Proverbs 19:10-12

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1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32
Romans 3:9-31
Psalm 12:1-8
Proverbs 19:13-14

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1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11
Romans 4:1-12
Psalm 13:1-6
Proverbs 19:15-16

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1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34
Romans 4:13-5:5
Psalm 14:1-7
Proverbs 19:17

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1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30
Romans 5:6-21
Psalm 15:1-5
Proverbs 19:18-19

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2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17
Romans 6:1-23
Psalm 16:1-11
Proverbs 19:20-21

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2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11
Romans 7:1-13
Psalm 17:1-15
Proverbs 19:22-23

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2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10
Romans 7:14-8:8
Psalm 18:1-15
Proverbs 19:24-25

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2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19
Romans 8:9-25
Psalm 18:16-36
Proverbs 19:26

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2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22
Romans 8:26-39
Psalm 18:37-50
Proverbs 19:27-29

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2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14
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Faithful Friends Presents Speaker on Estate and Long-Term Planning

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, as part of its on-going Educational Series, the Faithful Friends Ministry hosted an Enrichment Event led by our speaker, Attorney, Erin Mortenson. Erin is a member at Redeemer and an attorney specializing in Elder law, Medicaid & Long-Term Care Planning & Estate Planning.

Her Birmingham-based practice specializes in helping older people planning for their future health care. Erin sees the need for supporting senior adults with vital information, correct pathways, and legalities for those able to remain at home, and for those needing help to make the transition to care facilities easier and beneficent. She presented a plethora of essential information including Durable Power of Attorney (DOA), Patient Advocate Designation, “Lady Bird” Deeds, Medicare vs. Medicaid, Long-Term Care Costs & Benefits, PACE – the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, Long-Term Care Myths, Insurance Avenues, Probate Laws, Trusts and Special Needs Planning. As an additional bonus, Erin revealed many of the In’s and Out’s needed to journey through the extensive planning and strategizing of health care successfully.

Those who missed this meaningful presentation may visit the Redeemer website to view the program <https://vimeo.com/redeemberirmingham>. Any questions can be addressed to the Faithful Friends Team: Gary Priskorn, Pam Tyndall, Diane Johns and Marilyn Staargaard.

We wish to thank Erin, for her excellent presentation, and her essential work caring for the rights of older adults.

Please reach out to Pam in the church office if you would like a copy of Erin’s powerpoint sides she used in her presentation. If you have a suggestion on a topic you’d would like us to present, please let one of the committee members know.

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WEDNESDAY LUNCH & WORSHIP

Wednesday Lunch & Worship will take a break for the summer. See you back in September.



“Sincere thanks for your thoughts, encouragement and prayers during my recent health issue. The light and love of Christ you shared were greatly appreciated!

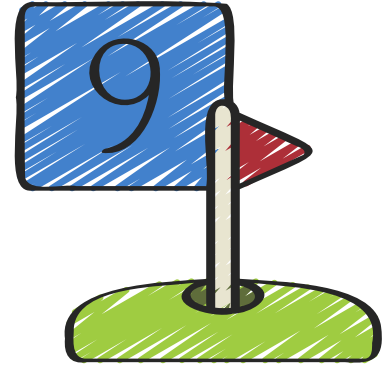
Gary Priskorn

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Golf and Barbecue

Guys of all ages – mark your calendar for **Wednesday, August 14th** for our 23rd annual Men's BBQ at Beverly Park Pavilion (Beverly Rd. west of Southfield). The BBQ begins at 6:00 p.m. and there is also an optional 9-hole scramble golf event at Lincoln Hills beginning at 3:00 p.m. Contact "Golf Commissioner" Walt Sweitzer (248-797-2755) to sign up for golf or with questions. Sign up by August 11th on the Town Square bulletin board for the BBQ or the BBQ and golf, or contact Gary Priskorn (248-561-2641 or gpriskorn@redeemerbirmingham.org).

There is no charge for the BBQ – a freewill donation will be received. Join us for a great time of fellowship!



A Day at the Hollis' Cottage

Thursday, August 15
2:00-6:00 p.m.

The Hollis family has again invited adults of all ages to join them on Thursday, August 15th at their cottage on North Lake in Dexter Twp. for fun, food and fellowship from 2:00 – 6:00p.m. Guests are asked to bring beverages and a dish to pass to serve 10 (appetizers, salad, vegetables, dessert). Dinner (sloppy joes) will be at 5:00 p.m. Carpooling is encouraged! Sign-up sheet (by August 12th) and maps are on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext.123)



Men's Bible Study

Men of all ages are invited to join us on **Wednesday, morning, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Great Room** or via Zoom, as we continue the study of the book of Acts. The emphasis of this important book is literally the fulfillment of the Great Commission, describing the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. You are invited to join us each Wednesday morning for fellowship and spiritual growth – and some coffee cake, juice and coffee! Contact Gary Priskorn for further information – 248-644-4010 ext.123.



EVENTS

Join us Monday nights for
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prior to worship at 7:00 pm

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Young Adult Bible Study

July 16

Women's Pop up Bible
Study

July 17

Women's Garden Walk

July 23

Women's Book Group

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Counseling Corner

When I was younger I would eagerly await the 4th of July fireworks. Now, as years have gone by, I find that I don't have the same excitement as I did previously, to watch them light up the sky. My dogs go into paranoid mode finding a place of refuge when the firecrackers begin. All of the sky noise that is relative to the 4th is actually deleterious to our dog's emotional state of security, safety and comfort.

I think children feel the same emotions of insecurity, danger and discomfort when they are witness to "fireworks" in the marriage. Most of us begin our marriages with "white lace and promises and a kiss for luck and we are on our way" (Karen Carpenter). As time evolves throughout the marriage there can be changes in career, health, finances or responsibilities and ultimately our emotional needs and objectives can be challenged. We lose our perspective.

There are a few things that can be immediately implemented to help the children feel more secure and settle down (if they are acting out in misbehavior).

1. Parents do NOT disagree with your spouse's parenting style or discipline modality in front of the children. You will undermine their authority in front of the kids. Which will add to more confusion and bad behavior increase. It is my belief that this can slowly damage a marriage. Remember, your spouse comes FIRST NOT your kids. If the marriage breaks what do they have then? By all means, please discuss and come to agreement whatever concerns you have with each other in private...outside, in the car, or when kids are asleep in bed.
2. Always present a united front when dealing with the kids in any way.
3. Affirm that you love them continually bending down and making eye and physical contact with the child.
4. Remember that YOU are the parent and giving the child too much leeway in making decisions for themselves can be unfruitful and deleterious to the family order and, their (age appropriate) maturation development process. They will test the fence line. No doubt. Make sure it is ALWAYS on!! Meaning, be consistent with boundaries and violation of consequences thereof.
5. The Titus2gether group discuss the bullet points of "Have a New Husband by Friday" by Kevin Lehman. I must tell you I think a lot of us got rebooted in our thinking about the nature of our relationship and expectations we have with our husbands. Too much "Girl-friending" of our husbands was happening and then when they don't perform

as WE expect them to...well the fireworks begin!! A GREAT Summer read! You'll see.

Happy 4th of July!!

Dr. Sandy Pourcho

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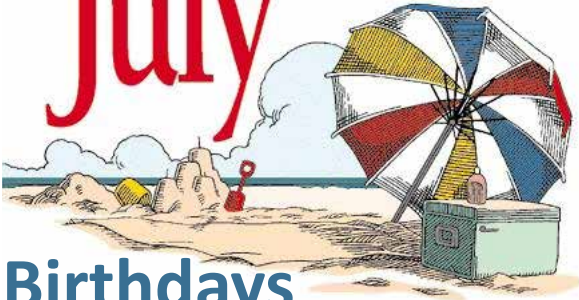
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