

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



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

## JUNE 2024

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Touchstone magazine published an article by Robbie Lowe entitled “The Truth About Church and Men” showing a link between fatherhood and grace.



*Pastor Randy*

Lowe examined data from a national survey examining if a persons religion would be taken to the next generation. If so why, if not why?

The survey data indicated the following:

- If the father doesn't attend church and the mother attends regularly, only 2% of the children attended regularly while 37% attended irregularly and over 60% didn't attend church at all.

Now this data is striking:

- If the father did not attend church regularly, one in five children were regular church attendees, even if the mother attended.

Moreover...

- If the father attended regularly, regardless of what the mother does, two-thirds to three-fourths of the children became churchgoers, either regular or irregular.

And even...

- If the father is an irregular churchgoer, between half and two-thirds of the children in this survey attended church regularly or irregularly.

Fascinating findings. Fathers play a very important spiritual role in shaping the faith of their child, or children. Dads don't underestimate the example you give to your young just by sitting in a pew.

Happy Father's 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: April 2024	2024	2023
<b>Weekly Attendance Averages</b>		
Worship	377	527
Bible Class	133	138
Sunday School	18	23
<b>Monthly Attendance Totals</b>		
Communion	643	695
Visitors	31	79
<b>Month: April</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Income and Expenses</b>		
Income received	\$130,390	\$148,312
Budget requirements	\$167,396	\$184,877
General fund expenses	\$162,169	\$157,344
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$1,572,427	\$1,564,935
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$1,404,106	\$1,361,406

# STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

MANAGE YOUR TIME WELL!  
 LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP STARTS TODAY!

## THE 1% SOLUTION

Will you dedicate just 1% of your time to the  
**SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF  
 YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?**



### In the Word & Prayer ... 1% of Every Day

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord. And He gives each of us the same amount of time each day: 1,440 minutes.

Will you use 14 of those minutes, just 1% of the time the Lord has given you each day, to read the Bible and pray?



### In Worship ... 1% of Every Week

If you get the full 8 hours of sleep the doctor recommends each night, that leaves 112 waking hours per week.

Will you spend just 1% of those hours to come to church each week and worship the Lord?

## GOD PROMISES TO BLESS THOSE WHO READ HIS WORD

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7:** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**John 8:31-32:** Jesus said ... "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**Psalms 19:9-10:** The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17:** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## GOD PROMISES TO HEAR THOSE WHO PRAY

**Matthew 7:7-8:** [Jesus said,] "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

**John 14:13-14:** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@redeemberirmingham.org) and we can print the most current directory.***



### 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

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name,  
O God, we pray. Amen.





## How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

1. Go to the church website  
[www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://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](http://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 Flower Chart 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 [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://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](mailto: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

June 12

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

June 19

# Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 23

after the 10:30 worship service



## 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.

# POSITIVE PARENTING



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



## Michigan District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
3773 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105-3008  
*People of Hope... Vigorously Making Known the Love of Christ*

### You are invited to the Lutheran Adult Gathering October 11-13, 2024

You are invited to the Lutheran Adult Gathering at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, October 11-13, 2024. Since 1981, the Lutheran Adult Gathering has brought together believers to this spectacular setting to be spiritually strengthened for service to Christ in this world. The theme for the 2024 Gathering is "New Beginnings IN HIS PRESENCE," based on Revelation 21:5. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel.

### Register Online

at [michigandistrict.org/lag24](http://michigandistrict.org/lag24).  
Registration fee includes ferry service and conference costs. It does not include hotel reservation. Upon completion of your conference registration, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to the hotel reservation system.  
Registration deadline is September 10, 2024.

\$50/person

### Conference Location

The Grand Hotel  
286 Grand Ave | Mackinac Island, Mich.

The Grand Hotel's preserved architectural charm and relaxing atmosphere have made it a highlight among Gathering attendees since 1981.

Hotel price includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and tips.



Single Occupancy \$799

Double Occupancy \$484.50  
per person

### Keynote Presenters

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs  
Mrs. Renee Gibbs

### Also Featuring

Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti - Chaplain  
100 White Flags - Music  
Ms. Lizzie Boeck - Entertainment

### Sponsors

Church Extension Fund  
Michigan District, LCMS



# 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 - June 18, July 16 and Aug 14  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm (Library)  
\*4th Tuesday starts at 6pm

## Men's Bible Study

Gary Priskorn - *Study of Acts* \*Zoom available  
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Library)

## 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 LUNCHES: FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER 10:30 SERVICE

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

# JUNE EVENTS

Join us Monday nights for a Light Dinner prior to worship

## June 2

Young Adult Lunch

## June 6

Young Adult Bible Study

## June 9

Faithful Friends  
Enrichment Event

## June 12

Leadership Team  
Meeting

## June 16

Celebrate Dads and  
Grads  
Happy Father's Day

## June 18

Women's Pop up Bible  
Study

## June 17-21

Vacation Bible School

## June 22

Home Plate Event

## June 23

Congregational Meeting





## Event Highlights:

### **Community Strength:**

A heartfelt thank you to the 24 incredible women who joined us for an evening of empowerment and collaboration. Your presence made the event a success.

### **Empowering Women Globally:**

Through your contributions, we were able to grant \$7,145 in loans and grants to a total of 15 women. This brings our chapter total to an outstanding \$80,377, impacting the lives of 231 women. Your generosity is creating a ripple of positive change. Once loans are repaid, a new woman is given a loan!

### **Inspiration from Jessica Cummings:**

We were honored to have Jennifer Cummings, Managing Director at The Mandate and Executive Director at Safari Pals Inc. as our keynote speaker. Jennifer, with her southern charm, shared stories of the people of Uganda and all that the Mandate is doing to pour into the people. Their efforts to invest in the local people and give them the opportunity to lift themselves and their community up aligned so perfectly with our mission. Jennifer discussed the 5 areas of impact The Mandate focuses on:

#### **Education**

Child sponsorship, University and Trade Schooling

Salma – local girl who was put through university and is now back in the village and running the Widows & Orphans program

Takia – sister of Salma who was supported all the way through Trade School and came back and now runs the tailoring program at the Hope Job Center

#### **Women's Health**

Hope for Girls – providing necessary supplies for menstrual cycles to allow the girls to stay in school.

Mama Kits – providing expectant mothers with clean/sterile supplies to birth a child as women are required to bring all supplies with them to birthing center

#### **Widows & Orphans**

Provide them with solar lights, charcoal stoves and food and supply assistance

#### **Clean Water**

13 bore holes (wells) have been created within 7 mile radius of the village. Kids now have water when at school and the community has access to clean water too.

#### **Evangelism**

Prison Ministry and Sunday School for kids

**Chicken Give Back Program** - Provide chickens to families – require that they hatch the first laying (have to teach them “chicken multiplication” and that they can’t eat the chicken or eggs right away). They are required to give back 2 chicks to sustain the program. Then they are able to expand the number of chickens they have to eat, or sell the excess chicks/eggs.

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# Weddings

4/5/2024 Wedding of Zachary Darvin Bowers and Stephanie Marie Schlak

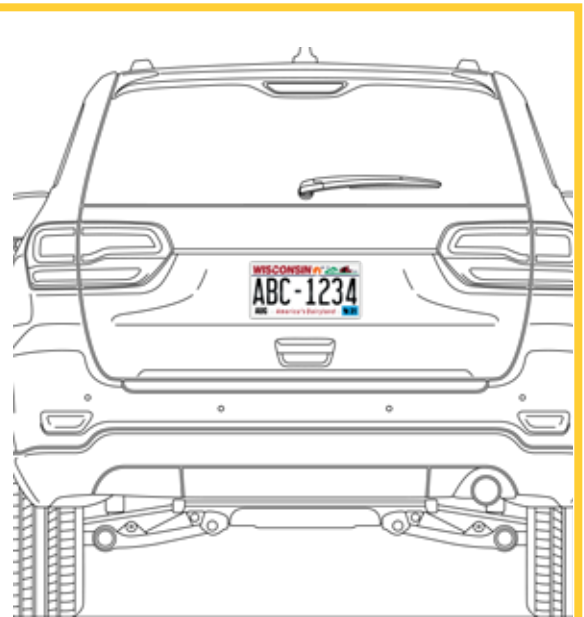
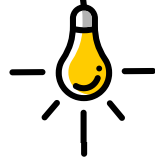
# Baptisms

4/13/2024 **Callahan Robert Lemon** son of Matthew and Leah Lemon  
4/13/2024 **Samuel Alexander Stapleton** son of Trevor and Molly Stapleton  
4/14/2024 **Magnolia Rae Dobring** daughter of Daniel and Emily Dobring  
4/28/2024 **Harvey Mark Cycholl** son of Daniel and Brittany Cycholl  
4/28/2024 **Scottie Lola Seme** daughter of Adam and Randi (Davis) Seme



## Did You Know?

Have you ever noticed that pole by the West entrance driveway? If you were wondering what that is...it is a license plate reader. Any vehicle moving westbound on Maple has their license plate read so the owner of the car can be identified. The reader is owned by the City of Birmingham along with several others that are placed around the city. When driving around Birmingham, don't worry about smiling for the camera though, it only reads license plates. But you should feel a sense of security that Birmingham has a way to detect unlawful vehicles /drivers right in our front yard.



## Hope Job Center - 7 month tailoring program

Provided education (reading, writing, math) plus tailoring skills.

Able to bring children/babies with them and provided meals

Take part in "give back" program by sewing the pads and bags for the Girls Kits and school uniforms for local children who can't afford one. After passing final exam (making their own graduation outfit) they are given a brand new sewing machine to go off and start their own business. Program started in 2022 and 14 kids have graduated between the three classes

You can visit <https://themandate.com/> to learn more or support the work they are doing.

If you were unable to join us in person, you can watch the recording of the event on our website under the izosh missions tab. As we reflect on the success of this event, we look forward to the future with excitement. Check future lamps and announcements for updates on our FALL 2024 EVENT details and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected!

Questions or comments? Please email us at [izosh.birmingham@gmail.com](mailto:izosh.birmingham@gmail.com)



Summer is here! So is summer reading. Pop into the library for a wide selection of material for your reading pleasure. New in the library:

***The Wings of Poppy Pendleton*** by Melanie Dobson. This new time-slip novel by popular author Dobson combines mystery with historical and contemporary fiction. Part of a wealthy family in the “Gilded Age”, Penelope “Poppy” Pendleton disappears from a small private island in New York’s Thousand Island area on the eve of her fifth birthday in 1907. Years later in 1992, Chloe Riddell is living alone on this island that she inherited from her grandparents. She arrives home one day to discover a young girl in ragged clothing huddled on her doorstep. Who is she? How did she get there? Among her few possessions is a scrapbook that connects her to the Pendleton family. Then a reporter shows up asking questions about Chloe’s grandfather. Follow Chloe as she delves into the past to answer the current in this story of faith, hope, love, and justice. *352 pages; Tyndale House Publishers.*

***Polly and the Screen Time Overload*** by Betsy Childs Howard. Polly is so excited to visit her grandparents for an entire week every summer for her birthday. She loves helping to feed the animals, milk the cows, ride the horse, and play with her cousins. That is until she receives a new iTab for her birthday. Suddenly, she is spending all of her time in her room playing games, watching videos, and missing out on the family fun. Her grandfather explains that while there’s nothing wrong with the tablet, even good things can make us miss out on even better things. This story helps teach self-control and setting boundaries in a fun and colorful way. *40 pages; recommended for 3-7 years; TGC Kids/Crossway Books.*

### 1 Corinthians 10:23

*“All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up.”*



*Light*

## 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)*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



VBS dates  
are  
June 17-21!

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with God



## VBS 2024

We are so excited that our program starts soon!!

**SCUBA – Diving into Friendship with God** happens June 17-21 at Redeemer. Registration closes on June 1st so if you haven't signed up yet don't waste another second! We are praying for a week of fun learning more about God's word and how we can share His love with others.

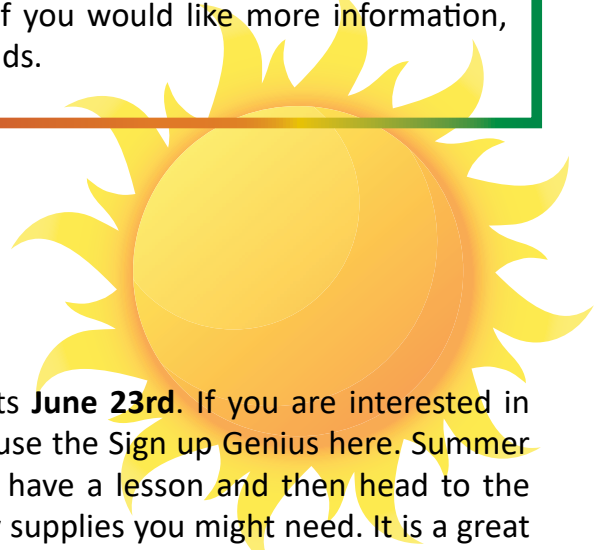


## Scamper Camp 2024

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>



# Home Plate 2024! Saturday, June 22nd

Home Plate 2024 with the Detroit Tigers! Families of all ages, shapes, and sizes are welcome to join us at Comerica Park to experience Home Plate 2024! We'll get to attend a pre-game program where current and former Detroit Tigers players will share about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ! Then, we'll stay for other fun activities and the game – Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox! It all happens on Saturday, June 22nd! The pre-game program begins at 9:30am and the game begins at 1:10pm and tickets are \$30 each (Upper Grandstand seats) and are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! You can sign up AND pay online via the church website – so get your tickets TODAY! Contact Gary Priskorn (gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org) or Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with any questions or for more information.



## SUMMER JAMS & RYG!

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG! It starts on Wednesday 6/26 and continues each week throughout the summer – 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.

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH & WORSHIP



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

## 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.



## DADs & GRADs



All high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing at our "Dads & Grads" celebration on Father's Day, June 16th, at the 10:30am church service. If you can attend, please email (gscheidt@gmail.com) or text (248-520-6407) Gia Scheidt so we can print your name in the bulletin!



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**ALWAYS**  
CHECK INSTAGRAM  
FOR ANY  
SCHEDULE CHANGES



## FAMILY OF GOD - feeding the poor

RYG cooks and serves on the 2nd  
Monday of the Month  
June 10

**Come join us to help others**

RYG JUNE Calendar

*Sunday from 7-9pm*

*June 2*

*Last one of the Year  
Senior Celebration!*

### Attend CORE Group

RYG meets - 6:00-8:00pm  
in the Youth Room

**JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26**

Questions?  
Contact Gia or Eric.



## KAMP 2024: JULY 28-AUGUST 3

**Campers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY JULY 28  
and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY AUGUST 3!**

Redeemer Summer Kamp is a week long sleep away camp for kids entering 3rd – 9th grade. We rent a beautiful camp facility in western Michigan each year where Campers spend a week in a rustic outdoors setting enjoying typical camping activities such as crafts, boating, fishing, hayrides, games, campfires, etc. Our program is combined with Bible study, worship and singing which all takes place in a safe Christian environment. Go to our website to read more about our Kamp mission, camp facilities and staff.

**APRIL 1, 2024:** Registration is open to everyone!

*If you have any questions about Kamp please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs at [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org). If you still have questions contact us at [redemerkamp@gmail.com](mailto:redemerkamp@gmail.com).*

# GIVING TREE!!

God bless all of you who donated to the Giving Tree and our Women's Ministry project supplying fully-loaded backpacks for women who are served by The Detroit Street Mission. These women live a life of deprivation and we prayed for joy, safety, love and strength for them. At bible study we filled the backpacks with toilet paper, sanitary products, toothpaste, soap, wipes, clippers, prayer books, pens, food, washcloths and towels, and many other items too numerous to mention all in the hope that the message of care would be received.



Thanking God for Margo, a one-woman dynamo who meets these women where they are, loves and cares for them and supports their efforts to live a better life. She is in the trenches and we ask God to keep her safe as she ministers to others. Your donations were far over our expectations and we had to do very little to fill in the gaps.



Donations of cash were also received and used for the purchase of backpacks and additional supplies. Check out the happy backpack packers! Pure joy!

## 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** 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 I 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.

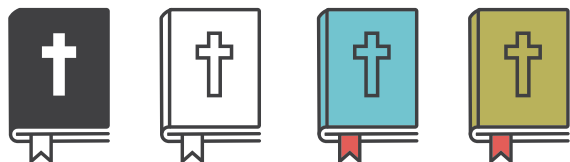
The Detroit Street Outreach Ministry will be offering hats and scarves to both men AND women this fall. So we can start making hats and scarves in any fun colors that women will like.

Thank you for serving Jesus through your knitting and crocheting!

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Pop-Ups! Join us on **Tuesday, June 18 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](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org)!



### Women's Book Group

Women's Book Group invites you to review and appraise our June selection *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Graan. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one these innocent people were disappearing or dying mysteriously and those who took notice disappeared as well. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history. If the Osage story were never chronicled you would never believe this kind of thing could happen. Grann's writing is expository, compassionate and you will walk away praying this story is never repeated – anywhere. **Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00** in Redeemer's Town Square. (Summer reads for July and August: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby VanPelt and *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin.)



## This month we'll take a look back at the Pastoral Ministry at Redeemer

Upon his retirement in 2000, Rev. Duane Wuggazer remarked, "I have to tell you that what meant the most to me was the thoughtful way in which my dad's ministry and mine were blended together. My Dad never had the opportunity of a retirement this side of heaven, so now after all these years, his ministry of founding the congregation and mine of inheriting and maintaining and building upon that foundation is beautifully recognized and given equal prominence." The gift of the eternal light was given by the Board of Elders in recognition of that combined ministry, honoring their joint service of 69 years to Redeemer's congregation. That eternal light burns in our Sanctuary today.

Ours is such a blessed congregation. It is highly unusual that we have had only 3 senior pastors in the last 94 years. Three generations of Wuggazers ministered here, and 11 Sons of the Congregation were ordained. Our current Senior Pastor, Rev. Randall Schlak has been with us for over 25 years, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. James Greenwalt was raised here at Redeemer.

## TRIVIA

### Teaser and Trivia for Pastoral Ministry

Redeemer has a number of seminarians that went on to become ordained ministers in the LCMS. Who are they, and where are they now?

**Last month**, our trivia question was about current members and their moms that taught Sunday School in the 1950's. Karen Pridmore's mom, Janet Jung, was instrumental in the leading of the Sunday School (that's why Karen knows the "Hear the Pennies Dropping" song so well!) Beth Lanthier's mom, Lucille Schoen, and Donna and Debi Hollis' mom, Jeanne Hollis also were among the teachers. In May 2025, we will be displaying pictures of these ladies!

### Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Update

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







# June Bible Reading Plan

1

2 Samuel 18:1-19:10  
John 20:1-31  
Psalm 119:153-176  
Proverbs 16:14-15

2

2 Samuel 19:11-20:13  
John 21:1-25  
Psalm 120:1-7  
Proverbs 16:16-17

3

2 Samuel 20:14-21:22  
Acts 1:1-26  
Psalm 121:1-8  
Proverbs 16:18

4

2 Samuel 22:1-23:23  
Acts 2:1-47  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Proverbs 16:19-20

5

2 Samuel 23:24-24:25  
Acts 3:1-26  
Psalm 123:1-4  
Proverbs 16:21-23

6

1 Kings 1:1-53  
Acts 4:1-37  
Psalm 124:1-8  
Proverbs 16:24

7

1 Kings 2:1-3:2  
Acts 5:1-42  
Psalm 125:1-5  
Proverbs 16:25

8

1 Kings 3:3-4:34  
Acts 6:1-15  
Psalm 126:1-6  
Proverbs 16:26-27

9

1 Kings 5:1-6:38  
Acts 7:1-29  
Psalm 127:1-5  
Proverbs 16:28-30

10

1 Kings 7:1-50  
Acts 7:30-50  
Psalm 128:1-6  
Proverbs 16:31-33

11

1 Kings 8:1-66  
Acts 7:51-8:13  
Psalm 129:1-8  
Proverbs 17:1

12

1 Kings 9:1-10:29  
Acts 8:14-40  
Psalm 130:1-8  
Proverbs 17:2-3

13

1 Kings 11:1-12:19  
Acts 9:1-25  
Psalm 131:1-3  
Proverbs 17:4-5

14

1 Kings 12:20-13:34  
Acts 9:26-43  
Psalm 132:1-18  
Proverbs 17:6

15

1 Kings 14:1-15:24  
Acts 10:1-23  
Psalm 133:1-3  
Proverbs 17:7-8

16

1 Kings 15:25-17:24  
Acts 10:24-48  
Psalm 134:1-3  
Proverbs 17:9-11

17

1 Kings 18:1-46  
Acts 11:1-30  
Psalm 135:1-21  
Proverbs 17:12-13

18

1 Kings 19:1-21  
Acts 12:1-23  
Psalm 136:1-26  
Proverbs 17:14-15

19

1 Kings 20:1-21:29  
Acts 12:24-13:15  
Psalm 137:1-9  
Proverbs 17:16

20

1 Kings 22:1-53  
Acts 13:16-41  
Psalm 138:1-8  
Proverbs 17:17-18

21

2 Kings 1:1-2:25  
Acts 13:42-14:7  
Psalm 139:1-24  
Proverbs 17:19-21

22

2 Kings 3:1-4:17  
Acts 14:8-28  
Psalm 140:1-13  
Proverbs 17:22

23

2 Kings 4:18-5:27  
Acts 15:1-35  
Psalm 141:1-10  
Proverbs 17:23

24

2 Kings 6:1-7:20  
Acts 15:36-16:15  
Psalm 142:1-7  
Proverbs 17:24-25

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2 Kings 8:1-9:13  
Acts 16:16-40  
Psalm 143:1-12  
Proverbs 17:26

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2 Kings 9:14-10:31  
Acts 17:1-34  
Psalm 144:1-15  
Proverbs 17:27-28

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2 Kings 10:32-12:21  
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Proverbs 18:4-5

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2 Kings 17:1-18:12  
Acts 20:1-38  
Psalm 148:1-14  
Proverbs 18:6-7



## Father's Day Devotion

How does one define the term "father" or "Father"? Most likely we would all define it differently based on our own specific relationship with our father. Webster's Dictionary defines the noun "father" as "a male parent" or as "a man who has "begotten" a child". However, the etymology of the word offers other nomenclators: capitalized in Father as God, the First Person of the Trinity, Forefathers or Founding

Fathers, Church Father or Priest, someone who takes Responsibility and assumes Respect. Those are imposing roles to fill as we see today when so many children are fatherless and left alone in the streets to find their way. We are greatly blessed if on Father's Day we can give thanks to the Lord for what He has bestowed within our own fathers. The fathers who mirror the characteristics of Unconditional Love and Grace, Acceptance and Assurance, Guidance and Protection, Discipline and Direction, Forgiveness and Forbearance. The everlasting role of a father is indeed magnanimous and if we are fortunate to still have our earthly fathers with us, we are assuredly blessed. If our fathers have journeyed to the Gates of Heaven, they are enjoying eternal bliss -- the Love, Comfort, Joy and Peace of God the Father. Fathers carry the Light we need to find our way Home.

## June Enrichment Event Sponsored by Faithful Friends

Just a reminder all are invited to an Enrichment Talk on Elder Law – What Seniors should know when looking into Assisted Living. This will take place on **June 9th in the Great Room** immediately following the 10:30 service and should last an hour. Our speaker will be Erin Mortenson, Redeemer member and her partner Ashley Dickey, attorneys specializing in Elder law, Medicaid & Long-Term Care Planning & Estate Planning.

*Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:4*

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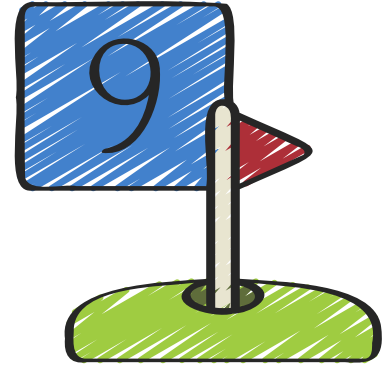
# MEN'S MINISTRY

## Men's Golf and Barbecue

August 14th

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@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.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.

Hosted by the Prime Timers group - open to all



## 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 begin 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.

## 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](mailto: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.



# Counseling Corner

## EVENTS

Join us Monday nights for a Light Dinner prior to worship

### July 4-5

Office and Building closed

### July 7

Young Adult Lunch

### July 8

RYG Family of God

### July 16

Women's Pop up Bible Study

### July 17

Women's Garden Walk

### July 23

Women's Book Group

### July 28-August 3

Redeemer Kamp

June is always such a wonderful time of year. Especially for those with children. I remember it was so much fun getting in the car and heading up north in the summer. We all seemed so much more relaxed with nothing scheduled except how early do we all want to get up and go jump off the dock to swim!

May I encourage you to make a real effort to cut back on your commitments this summer and just enjoy the blessings God has given you right here in your backyard? I hear far too many kids wanting to "just stay home"! "Fear of missing out" is overrated and quite daunting for many, from what I am hearing. Kids are continually on the go throughout the school year. Letting them sleep in, having pancakes (ok fine..you can use almond flour!) taking a walk in the neighborhood with the dog, play catch or kick the soccer ball with them in the yard. These things are getting back to basics of what summer is about. Vacations are fine but may I suggest that you also spend some good time at home this summer. Let them just chill in their rooms, outside, having friends over etc.

Check your Redeemer bulletin to see for local activities the church is involved in if you want to bring your kids as well. One really special way to impact someone's life is to serve others while the kids are helping too. Taking a meal (let the kids share in the food prep) or flower plant to someone who is in need (let them present the flower to them at the door) is a wonderful way to model Christ to the kids and the recipient.

Neurological science, academic research and thousands of years of human history confirm that achieving meaning, fulfillment and happiness in life comes from acts of giving and making others happy. Giving provides an opportunity to make an impact, however small, on our community and world.

Matthew 25:40 *Jesus said "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Serving others is also a great antidote for depression, grief or sadness. It takes our mind off of ourselves and the things that are affecting us, when we are serving others.

Happy Summer Dear Friends! *Sandy Pourcho*

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