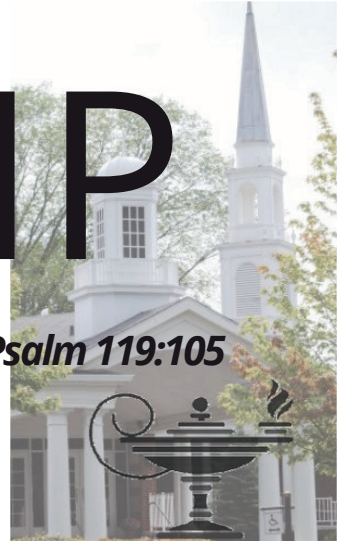
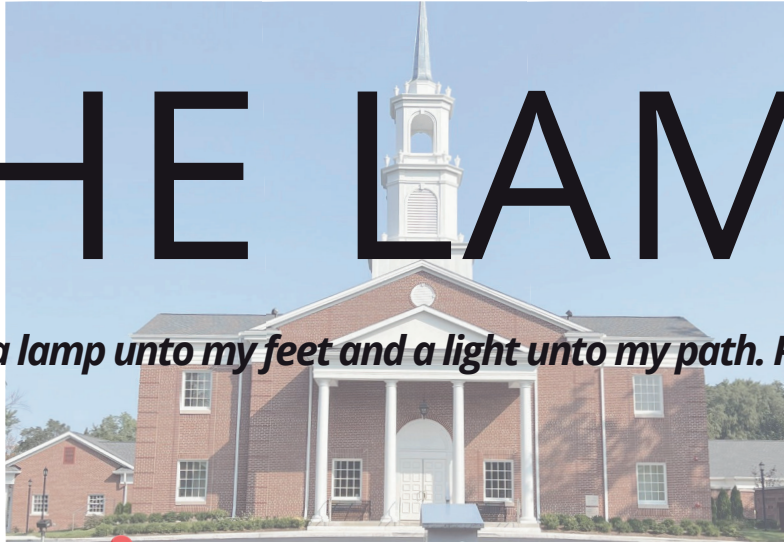
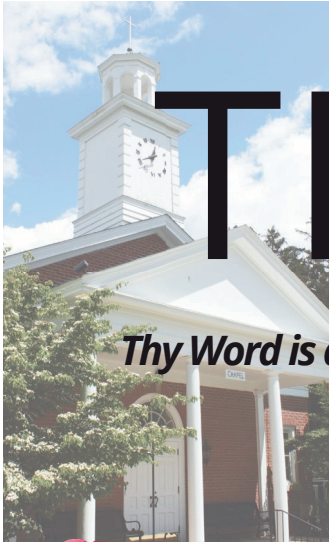


# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



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

## OCTOBER 2024

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Reformation! On October 27th, we shall once again celebrate the Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517 that Luther posted the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg.



*Pastor Randy*

As we look ahead to celebrating Reformation Sunday, here are some Luther quotes that I thought you would enjoy...

*"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."*

*"Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!"*

*"You say, 'What comes out of our mouth must be kept!' I hear it – which mouth do you mean? The one from which the farts come? (You can keep that yourself!)"*

*"I am of a different mind ten times in the course of a day. But I resist the devil, and often it is with a fart that I chase him away. When he tempts me with silly sins I say, 'Devil, yesterday I broke wind too. Have you written it down on your list?'"*

*"I remind myself of the forgiveness of sin and of Christ and I remind Satan of the abomination of the pope. This abomination is so great that I am of good cheer and rejoice, and I confess that the abomination of the papacy after the time of Christ is a great consolation in me."*

*"Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave."*

*"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: 'I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!'"*

*"And yet here in Wittenberg we have the pick on the crown. Bread from the last supper, milk from the virgins breast, a thorn that pierced Christ's brow on Calvary and nineteen thousand other bits of sacred bone."*

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Mondays - 7:00pm (Chapel)

\*Livestreamed Service

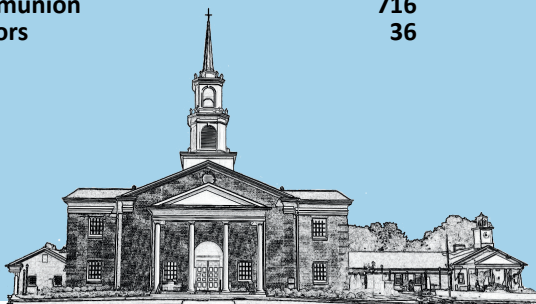
### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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

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

### AUGUST STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Attendance Totals	2024	2023
Worship	344	345
Bible Class	94	136
Sunday School	23	23
Monthly Attendance Totals	2024	2023
Communion	716	687
Visitors	36	36



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT



## “The Singing Church”

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.” Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

*Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace  
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,  
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face  
that shows Your message ever new and near.*

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren't actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship

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of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!

*\*Credit LCMS Stewardship Newsletter*



## **CHURCH EXTENSION FUND**

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.

### ***Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?***

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, that made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid back on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. When you invest at a bank, you will build another bank building. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It’s a win-win for everyone! **For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248.320.5100, our Redeemer Representative.**

*\*Interest Rate sheets are available around the building.*

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## **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.

Oftentimes, families would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one (i.e. paschal candles, benches, alter items, or trees - any items the church may need). For more information on this, please contact **Pastor Randy**, the Senior Pastor.

## **PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

We thank You, our Lord and God, for Your protection and care in this season of harvest. We bless You for the weather given to us for our work. This harvest, Lord, was not without its difficulties; no harvest is, but we rejoice that those times of trouble did not prevent us from the completion of this task. We pray for leaders in the Church who are stirred to lead your people back to God's Word. We give thanks for your servant Martin Luther and for all who have been faithful leaders of the Reformation of your Church throughout the centuries. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.



## How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

- Go to the church website.  
[www.redeemerbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemerbirmingham.org)
- Click the first *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
- Click on the video that has the **LIVE** indicator. *The indicator will appear when the service has starts.*



**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?

- Go to the church website.  
[www.redeemerbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemerbirmingham.org)
- Click the second *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
- 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 don't hesitate to contact the Church Office if you encounter any difficulties viewing videos.*

**KINDLY NOTE:** If you are struggling to hear the audio on Vimeo, simply click on the closed-caption option to read the dialogue. The closed caption button is labeled CC (in a box) located at the bottom right of the screen.

## PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

### ALTAR FLOWERS\*

Sign-up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel! Rates are as follows:

- Sanctuary: \$55
- Chapel: \$50
- Lectern: \$45

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or online under the “WAYS TO SERVE” box on the church website. You can complete the dedication form and make payment directly online or follow the link in your email you receive to confirm your sign-up. Alternatively, you can email your dedication to the **Church Office**, drop off your check at the Church Office, or leave payment in the Sunday morning offering plate **clearly marked “Altar Flowers.”**

**Please remember to leave the flower liners for the following week when collecting your flowers!** Sanctuary flowers can be picked up after Sunday’s 10:30am service, and Chapel flowers after Monday’s 7:00pm service. For assistance, please reach out to the **Church Office** for support.

*\*Sign-up links can be found on the church’s website by selecting “WAYS TO SERVE” and then “Altar and Lectern Flower Sign-Up.”*



**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.*

## COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and they will be sure to accommodate your request.

## ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, LITTLE ONES! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! **Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun.** And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

# PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

## \*VOLUNTEER AT REDEEMER

*Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website and 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\*

Would you be interested in reading the Old Testament and Epistle Scripture passages during worship? Readers of all ages, from 5 to 95, are welcome to participate in ALL worship services! You can sign up under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or reach out to the **Church Office** for more information.

## HOST A COFFEE HOUR\*

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings all year round! It doesn't have to be elaborate, and we will provide simple instructions to help you set it up. This is a fantastic opportunity to serve your congregation! You can sign up under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or reach out to **Kim Davis** (248.613.4200).

## BE A GREETER\*

If you can offer a friendly "good morning," a handshake, and a welcoming smile, and have an extra 15-minutes on a Sunday morning, you can play an essential role in outreach – GREETING! Redeemer is in need of volunteers to welcome attendees at the Town Square doors before the 9:00am and 10:30am services. Bring along a friend, your family, and your kids for this wonderful opportunity to serve your community! You can sign-up for this rewarding experience under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or contact **Laura Vowell** for more information.

## FAMILY USHERING\*

Your family can help out the congregation by ushering on a Sunday morning! You will distribute bulletins and assist with passing the offering plates during the service. There will also be an usher from the church available during the service to support you along the way. You can sign-up under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or contact **Laura Vowell** for more information.

## MYSTERY PRELUDE

Have a song request? Sign-up to have our organist, Rick Helderop, perform your requested song during the Prelude at all Sunday services (8:00 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am)! To sign up, visit the church website homepage or scan the QR code below to go directly to the Request Form. The fee is \$10, and all proceeds contribute to our Mission Fund! Thank you for participating!



## ACOLYTING & CROSS BEARING\*

The Redeemer Acolyte & Cross Bearing Program is open to anyone who wishes to serve and is also a requirement for students in the Confirmation program. Crissy Bienkowski will return this year as our coordinator! You can sign up under the "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact **Crissy Bienkowski** ([crissybienkowski@gmail.com](mailto:crissybienkowski@gmail.com)).



# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

October 9  
November 13  
December 11

## BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

October 9  
December 4



Should you receive an email from Pastor Randy requesting gift cards or valuable items, **PLEASE IGNORE IT!** Be sure to look carefully at the email address – if it does not come from [rschlak@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:rschlak@redeemberbirmingham.org), it is **NOT** from Pastor Randy. **Please delete the email and AVOID RESPONDING.**

If you are unsure, kindly forward the email to or contact the Church Office, and we will look into it further for you.

# UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

Kindly log in to your ShelbyNext Membership, church database, to verify or update your family's profile information. For quick access to the church directory and calendar while on the move, download the **ShelbyNext Membership app** on your smart device (redeemberbirmingham is the domain name). Alternatively, you can log in via the church's website on your desktop computer by selecting "CHURCH MEMBERSHIP."

If you would like assistance with updating your profile or need help with your login credentials, please reach out to the Church Office.

***\*Please be aware that we no longer send out printed directories since our online database is always changing. If you prefer a printed copy, kindly contact the Church Office, and we will happily provide you with the latest directory.***

***NOTE: If your adult children have relocated to their own address, please inform us so we can update their details while keeping the family linked in our database. If they have moved and no longer wish to receive communications or are attending another church, we can remove them from our database.***



Lutheran Adult Gathering  
October 11-13, 2024  
Mackinac Island - Grand Hotel



**2024's 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](http://michigandistrict.org/lag24).**

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

### **WEDDINGS**

- 8/10/2024 Jared Nathan Liddle and Eleanor Rose Oegema
- 8/17/2024 Jonathan Tyler Behr and Maria Joy Nehan
- 8/31/2024 Jeffrey Warren Couger and Bailey Alice Kadian

### **BAPTISMS**

- 8/3/2024 Sebastian Walter Vanderhoef  
*son of Matt and Jessica Vanderhoef*
- 8/11/2024 Archie Wells and Daphne Jean Fuqua  
*son and daughter of Mark and Amy Fuqua*

### **FUNERALS**

- 8/2/2024 Megan Elizabeth Dilley
- 8/5/2024 Thomas C. Allen
- 8/3/2024 Atsuko Nan Inatome
- 8/28/2024 Daniel Charles Reck
- 8/29/2024 Joe Haruto Hamada



## **PATHWAYS REDEEMER'S GRIEF AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP**

**Meetings will take place the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm in the Town Square.**

Come join us on **Wednesday, October 2nd** to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome!

Any questions, feel free to call **Dr. Sandy Pourcho** (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.



You, the congregation and friends are invited to our **Enrichment Event Sunday, October 13th following the 10:30AM service in the Great Room.**

Dawn Neally from Seniors Helping Seniors will be speaking. Her mission is to help seniors remain independent and safe in their home environment by matching them with compassionate, committed, and dependable Care Providers. Seniors Helping Seniors is an in-home care service providing seniors with the ability to choose an independent lifestyle from anywhere they call home, for as long as possible. The various services they offer include companionship and socialization, transportation, doctor appointments, meal preparation, verbal medication reminders, overnight stays (24-hour care), Memory Loss Support, Dementia/Alzheimer's care, light housekeeping, family relief care, and more. They also look for Seniors who want to be caregivers! Come to this one-hour Enrichment Event, we will also video tape it for those who are not available.

The event is sponsored by Redeemer's Faithful Friends Ministry - a unique ministry dedicated to reaching out to our special Senior members who are homebound or reside in an assisted living complex and to offer support and guidance to caregivers. If you are interested in becoming a Faithful Friend for one of Redeemer's Seniors let one of the committee members know. We would love to have you!

Please contact **Gary Priskorn** or **Pam Tyndall** for more information.

*Isaiah 46:4 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.*



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**DID YOU KNOW** that Redeemer has an extensive library?

In total, our small but mighty library contains  
**4105 ITEMS!**

**At any given time, you can find:**  
**3697 books**  
**356 DVDs**  
**37 Bible studies**  
**15 audio CDs**

Stop in for a visit any time!



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*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."*

*"But there are relics elsewhere in Christendom. Eighteen out of twelve apostles are buried in Spain."*

*"For a silver florin, I freed my grandfather from Purgatory. For twice that I could have sprung grandmother and uncle mothers too, but... I didn't have the funds, so they had to stay in the hot place. As for myself, the priests assured me that by gazing at sacred relics, I could cut down my time in purgatory. Luckily for me, Rome has enough nails from the holy cross to shoe every horse in Saxony."*

*"Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair."*

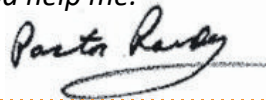
*"I simply taught, preached, wrote God's Word: otherwise I did nothing. And then when I slept or drank Wittenberg beer with my friend Philip of Amsdorf, the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that never a prince or emperor did such damage to it. I did nothing: the Word of God did it all."*

*"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."*

*"Peace if possible, but the truth at any rate."*

*"To go against conscience is neither right nor safe. I cannot, and I will not recant. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me."*

Happy Reformation - God's Blessings to you!



## LIBRARY LIGHTS

### NEW ARRIVALS AT THE REDEEMER LIBRARY!

**"Give God Your Worries"** - We all experience worry, nervousness, and anxiety at times. Author **Sally Michael** helps children identify their fears and learn what it means to cast their worries on God. Children read about the variety of cute animal characters that count on God to provide for them, as He cares for us, too. Children learn to memorize Scripture and participate in questions that truly help to reinforce the message. Parents are provided with additional information and tips at the end. Author Michael is a former children's ministry leader, author, and co-founder of Truth78 which develops God-centered resources for children.

**"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7**

**"Cabrini" (DVD) by Angel Studios and director Alejandro Monteverde (Sound of Freedom)** - Francesca Cabrini was an Italian immigrant who arrived in 1889. She was greeted by disease, crime, and impoverishment. She embarked on a daunting mission to convince the hostile mayor of NYC to provide housing and healthcare for the most vulnerable of the city. Starring Cristiana Dell'Anna and John Lithgow. (PG-13; 2 hours, 22 minutes)



**October 2**  
Pathways

**October 3, 17**  
Chicks with Sticks

**October 4-6**  
Youth Fall Retreat

**October 5**  
Fellowship Breakfast

**October 6, 13, 20, 27**  
New Member Classes

**October 9**  
Leadership Team Meeting

**October 11**  
Progressive Dinner

**October 13**  
Enrichment Talk  
*Sponsored by Faithful Friends*  
Birmingham Concert Band

**October 16**  
Wednesday Lunch & Worship  
Titus2 Bible Study

**October 19**  
Camp Restore Workday

**October 25**  
Prime Timer Program

**October 26**  
Shine the Light Night Event

**October 27**  
CEF Sunday

*Please visit the church website  
for a full list of events:  
[www.redeemerbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemerbirmingham.org)*







**November 2**  
Altar Guild Breakfast

**November 3**  
All Saint's Day  
New Member Class

**November 6**  
Pathways

**November 7**  
Chicks with Sticks

**November 9**  
Communication Workshop

**November 10**  
Veteran's Day Service  
New Member Orientation

**November 13**  
Angel Tree Tags Workshop  
Leadership Team Meeting

**November 15**  
JAMS Game Night

**November 17**  
iZosh Event  
New Member Brunch

**November 20**  
Wednesday Lunch & Worship

**November 21**  
Chicks with Sticks

**November 26**  
Chapel Tree Trimming

**November 27**  
Thanksgiving Eve Service

**November 28**  
Thanksgiving Day Service

**November 30**  
Christmas Decorating

*Please visit the church website for a full list of events:  
[www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org)*



# HARVEST HOUSE HOP THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH FROM 6:00-10:00PM**

Sweater weather, crisp air, leaves swirling and we are in the mood for a fun evening! We hope you will join us for an evening of friendship, fellowship, and food on **Friday, October 11th, beginning at 6:00pm!** We are hard at work looking for hosts and hostesses to open their homes and welcome us in!

**Host opportunities include an appetizer/cocktail/mocktail party, dinner for 8-10 at a host home, and a night cap at the dessert party.**

Guests bring an appetizer, salad, rolls, or dessert at the request of host. A fun, light-hearted evening awaits! Jump in to help or simply sign-up to attend.

**If you would like to host, please call Kitty Sweitzer.**



## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



***Christmas? Thinking about Christmas already? Yes, we are!***

We are your Advent by Candlelight Team, and we are getting ready for Sign-up Sunday and your table reservation!

We welcome you to come and sign-up for this year's event on **Sunday, October 20th at 7:30am to mark your place in line on the clipboard located in the Town Square.** When your name is called, you will then be invited into the library, pick your table and your room location, and leave with all the information you will need to welcome your guests to your festive table the evening of **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm.**

Join us for a Christ-filled, peaceful, mindful evening of scripture, music, personal glimpses, and more. We cannot wait to walk into this special Christmas with you!

**Crissy Bienkowski and Erin Mortenson - 2024 Directors**  
*Kim Martin and Katre Klow - Directors in Training*



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS



### BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF REDEEMER

Become a new member at Redeemer! *Fall classes started in late September but it's not too late to join! Classes will run for*

**6-weeks on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am and meet in the Great Room.** We will end with New Member Orientation on Sunday, November 10th and the New Member Brunch on Sunday, November 17th. We look forward to having you! Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions or for further details.

### SAVE THE DATE

All Altar Guild members and anyone interested in learning more about the ministry are invited to join us **Saturday, November 2nd in the Great Room from 9:00-10:30am.** After enjoying a light breakfast together, we will review some Altar Guild procedures and answer any questions. This is a perfect time for newcomers to learn more about who we are and what we do! Please sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board, or call the **Church Office.** We hope to see you!

*Kathy Eley and Karen Pridmore*

## SAY CHEESE!



### REDEEMER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS HAPPENING!

Be sure to sign-up to participate in this monumental event leading up to our 100th Anniversary Celebration!

#### THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO SIGN-UP!

##### ONLINE:

- **Step 1:** Scan the QR Code.
- **Step 2:** Enter Redeemer's Code: **mi1957**
- **Step 3:** Enter Redeemer Password: **photos**



##### EMAIL OR PHONE: LYNN KUBIK MEE DUERR

- [LYNNKUBIKMEE@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LYNNKUBIKMEE@YAHOO.COM)
- 248.891.2734

##### CURRENT PHOTO SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

- Friday, November 8th: 2:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, November 9th: 10:00am-4:00pm
- Thursday, November 14th: 2:00-8:30pm
- Friday, November 15th: 2:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, November 16th: 10:00am-4:00pm
- Friday, November 29th: 2:00pm-8:00pm
- Saturday, November 30th: 10:00am-4:00pm

## CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

### JOIN THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAM!

Classes for 6th-8th grade students occur every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm. Classes began on September 25th, but you can still sign-up! If your child is in the 6th grade - or if they're older - and you would like to enroll him or her in Confirmation, please contact **Laura Vowell**, and she will get you and your family all set-up!



### OCTOBER CONFIRMATION EVENTS

- **Wednesday, October 2nd:** "How to Write a Sermon Report" and Acolyte & Cross Bear Training
- **Wednesday, October 16th:** Family Service Night

*More details to come!*



This month we'll take a look back on the ministry of Westmaple Nursery School. In 1952, the first church-based preschool in Birmingham opened its doors. Myrtle Wuggazer and the congregation had a dream of providing Christian-based care for little ones. Redeemer, once again, stepped out in faith and preparations were made for 30 students. But God had other plans, and 72 children registered! Mrs. Wuggazer's vision for play-based learning and caring with dedicated teachers has flourished over the ensuing decades, and Westmaple is now a staple in Birmingham. Mrs. Wuggazer was the director of this amazing school for an incredible 41 years until her retirement in 1993.

Let's also look back on the Music Ministry of Redeemer from November 1925. One of the first things that happened at Redeemer in 1925 was the purchase of an organ and the formation of a choir. Music is very important to Lutheran worship, and we hold it dear to our hearts. Redeemer has had amazing organists, directors, soloists, singers, and musicians. The beauty of music ministry is that it includes everyone from toddlers to retirees. In the late 60's/early 70's, Redeemer's Thanksgiving service was broadcast each year on Channel 4. Every choir sang that day, and it was such a blessing to our community. Back in 1942, the red hymnal was instituted, and Pastor Ted demonstrated the use of it using phonograph records. We still use the red hymnal today as a testament to our history. The Women's Society in 1952 purchased 20 choir sets consisting of a gown, a stole, and a hat. What do you think ladies? Hats and maybe gloves in 2025?

### TEASER AND TRIVIA OUR WESTMAPLE MINISTRY

One of our life-long members still has her diploma from Westmaple Nursery! It is dated June of 1966. Can you name her?

# TRIVIA

## WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO REDEEMER?



*As members of the history committee, we often speak about how special Redeemer is to all of us and how blessed we are to have found our way here so many years ago. We wanted to share our stories with you, and hope that you will share your story with us, too!*

In 1948, my grandparents (Walter and Esther Meinberg) and mom joined Redeemer. My grandfather was the church's lawyer, and my mom taught Sunday School. My parents (Don and Lucille Schoen) were married by Pastor Theodore in 1958, and I was baptized by Pastor Theodore in 1959. I attended Sunday School, VBS, School of Religion, and was confirmed by Pastor Duane. Vince Kochenderfer taught me the love of music, Mildred Reilly taught a class on how to be a teacher, and Bill Meinert was my role model. Because of his influence and God's direction, I attended Concordia, Ann Arbor and received my BA in Elementary Education, and taught at Holy Cross, Detroit, and Our Shepherd, Birmingham.

Being a part of the Youth Group and Camp (as a camper, counselor, and camp director) brought me life-long friends. I am so thankful that quite a few of us are still here at Redeemer. The faith that was nurtured at Camp and Youth Group will always be strong.

I was a part of the Children's Choir, Crusader Choir, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Wing and a Prayer Players, and played guitar on Sunday mornings at the 8:30 service. Eventually, I became the director of our Bell Choir and member of the Praise Team.

My parents passed away when they were quite young and having a home here at Redeemer made me feel more secure. I will always be thankful for the blessing of this church and its people and for my parents who led me here.

One of my most special memories is having my picture taken in the Bridal Lounge when Mick and I were married. I am in the same pose as my mom was on her wedding day.



Elizabeth Schoen

*Beth (Schoen) Lanthier*

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



### UPDATE

Save the date for the fall Izosh Event happening on Sunday, November 17th at 12:00pm in the Town Square!

**NEW TIME BUT SAME IMPACT!**

***Come for the 10:30am church service - stay afterwards to empower women!***

Stay tuned to church announcements and the November LAMP for more details on the event!



**Volunteers are needed for our Fall Work Day at Camp Restore on Saturday, October 19th, starting at 8:30am!**

Redeemer is excited to announce a church-wide opportunity for both youth and adults to join together on a variety of community service projects, including construction and landscape efforts!

**Coffee, donuts, and a delicious lunch will be provided!**

Please plan to meet at the **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Lot at 8:30am**, located at **17100 Chalmers Street - Detroit, MI 48205**.

**To sign-up, please contact Gia Scheidt (248.520.6407) or Jon Duff (248.214.9037).**

### SERVE AT FAMILY OF GOD

We are in need of volunteers to drive our Family of God meals to Detroit in the coming months! Grab some friends or your family for this awesome way to serve locally! The meal will already be prepared and packed - you just need to deliver and serve it! This is a GREAT way to get kids involved with serving others! Sign-up on the church website or contact **Laura Vowell**.



### SAVE THE DATE

The Lutheran Center Association of Detroit invites you to their annual Lutherfest Concert, which will take place at **Guardian Lutheran Church in Dearborn on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00pm**.

This year's program, under the direction of Jacob Ferns, Minister of Music at St. Paul in Boca Raton, Florida, will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnals, and highlight the hymnody of the Lutheran Church from over the last five-hundred years. We pray that you would join us for this wonderful afternoon celebrating our musical heritage in the Lutheran Church!



### LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

The Lutheran Witness (LW) is the official periodical of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. Lutheran Witness provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, help foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Each issue includes the Michigan In Touch ([michiganintouch.com](http://michiganintouch.com)) supplement.

If you are interested in an annual subscription for the upcoming year, please contact **Pam Tyndall** in the Church Office.

**\*Subscription sign-up and checks are due to the Church Office by Friday, November 15th.**

# FALL BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAYS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Rev. Ronald Farah

The Study of Romans

All year after 9:00am service (Scheidt Room)

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** - Laura Vowell

September 29-November 3, 9:00-10:00am (Great Room)

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Nicole Olds

During 10:30am service (lower-level classrooms)

**REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL)** -

Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski

School year, 7:00-9:00pm (Youth Room)

## TUESDAYS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Pastor Jimmy

Heroes of the Bible - **\*ZOOM Available**

9:30am (Great Room)

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Kitty Sweitzer

'The Chosen,' Season 4 - 6:30pm (Great Room)

\*4th Tuesday of month starts at 6:00pm

## WEDNESDAYS

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Gary Priskorn

The Study of Acts - **\*ZOOM Available**

Year round, 6:45-7:30am (Great Room)

**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 & Eric Wisniewski

6:00-8:00pm (Youth Room)

## THURSDAYS

**COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** - Andrea Schlak

The Study of Exodus

Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am (Great Room)

**\*Begins in January**

### SMALL GROUP Bible Studies

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life victories and challenges.

Talk to **Pastor Randy** if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!



## EVENT SCHEDULE

Redeemer  
Young  
Adults

BIBLE STUDY: FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENTS AND OUTINGS

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

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

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the **Church Office** for further assistance.

# MEN'S MINISTRY



## WEDNESDAY LUNCH & WORSHIP

All are welcome and invited to join us for our next "Wednesday Lunch and Worship held on **Wednesday, October 16th as we gather at 12:00pm in the Great Room** for a delicious Oktoberfest-themed meal prepared by Michele Margosian! Following the meal we'll go the chapel for a **worship service at 1:00pm** that will include Holy Communion. **Please call the Church Office by October 14th if you'll be joining us for lunch.** If you are in need of transportation, let the Church Office know and we'll do our best to assist. Contact **Gary Priskorn** with any other questions. We hope to see you there!

## MOTOR CITY SAX QUARTET

HOSTED BY THE PRIME TIMERS



The Prime Timers group is planning a unique evening of food and fellowship for guests of all ages on **Friday, October 25th beginning at 6:00pm in the Great Room.** The evening begins with a delicious meal prepared by Michele Margosian. Following the meal, we'll be treated to some great music of various styles provided by the highly acclaimed **Motor City Sax Quartet.** The group features experienced musicians that have spent many years playing in concert bands, big bands, combos, and other musical groups in the metro Detroit area. Their program will include old standards, patriotic tunes, and religious tunes – a great variety! It promises to be a fun evening of good Christian fellowship. There is no charge – a freewill donation will be received. **Please sign-up on the bulletin board located in the Town Square by October 21st.** Questions? Contact **Gary Priskorn.**

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men of all ages are invited to join us on **Wednesday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room** or via Zoom, as we continue to study 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 on Wednesday morning for fellowship and spiritual growth - and some coffee cake, juice, and coffee! Contact **Gary Priskorn** for further information.



## “A WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN”

**HOW DO WE AND OUR CHILDREN COPE WITH THE CREATURES WHO HAVE REJECTED THEIR CREATOR AND BECOME THEIR OWN GOD?**

Men's Ministry will host a **Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00-10:00am in the Great Room** where Pastor Farah will speak about the dramatic changes he has seen throughout his lifetime in regard to the spiritual, ethical, and moral standards of our post-modern and deeply secular society. Christianity has gone from being the foundation of our culture to being viewed by many as the enemy of our culture. However, he will suggest we not just sit back and accept it but instead will offer suggestions as to what we, as a Christian community, can do for ourselves and for our children to negate the spiritually devastating effects of secularism and preserve our faith in Christ as Savior and Lord, a Savior so needed by that same world that rejects Him. It promises to be a thought-provoking and meaningful time together. **All are welcome! Please sign-up on the bulletin board located in the Town Square by October 1st.** Questions? Contact **Gary Priskorn.**

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# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



*Chicks  
with Sticks*

**BETH HAMADA, CHAIRMAN OF CHICKS  
WITH STICKS INVITES YOU...**

It's almost fall, and it's time to start knitting and crocheting again! We are making hats and scarves for the homeless and needy people of Detroit. Our upcoming gatherings will be held on **Thursday, October 3rd and 17th at 1:00pm in the church library.** Please check the schedule or call the **Church Office** for more information.

It's totally fine to bring your own project to work on - we hope to see you there!

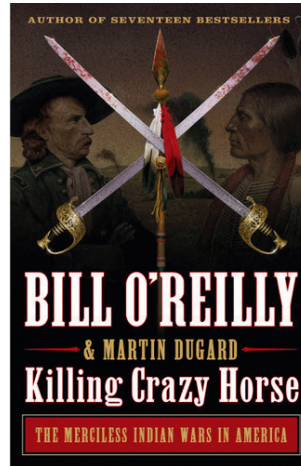
## *Women's Bible Study*

We continue our study of "The Chosen-Season Four" on **Tuesday evenings** throughout the month of October (**October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd**) in the **Great Room at 6:30pm.** If



you have watched with us in the past you know what an amazing discussion rises from the greatest story ever told. We are certainly wiser, more thoughtful, and vulnerable after spending time together discussing the journey of Jesus Christ. Come! Sit next to me! Share your faith or not! Be at peace in a room full of loving women as we walk together in the Word. Discussion follows in lesson form and you can sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board to let me know you are coming and to reserve a student lesson guide. (Cost is \$10.00 per guide). Like to know more? Call or email **Kitty Sweitzer** for more information!

## *Women's Book Group*



Women's Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:30pm in the Town Square** to discuss the novel ***Killing Crazy Horse*** by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. Come share your viewpoints on the venture through the fraught history of our country's founding on already occupied lands, from General Andrew Jackson's brutal battles with the Creek Nation to

President James Monroe's epic "sea to shining sea" policy, to President Martin Van Buren's cruel enforcement of a "treaty" that forced the Cherokee Nation out of their homelands along what would be called the Trail of Tears. Historically accurate, emotional and strategic, this work of non-fiction won't soon be forgotten. See you there!

## *The Giving Tree*

Thanks for helping with the Giving Tree, taking a tag and making life a little less difficult for the homeless, refugees and those who struggle every day to survive! Toothbrushes, soap, Band-Aids, towels, and washcloths are certainly things we take for granted but are out of reach for many. Orphan Grain Train, a mission of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod will receive our donations at their satellite drop center in Flint. **Please make sure your donations are in by Sunday, October 13th** so we can get these precious things into the hands of those who need them.

*Blessings and many thanks for your loving support of others!*

*"Love isn't love until it's given away."  
Watch for mission projects dedicated to our  
100th Anniversary!!*



### THIRD GRADE BIBLES!



Third graders - it's finally your turn to receive your very own Bible! We will have a class for parent(s) and 3rd graders on **Sunday, October 27th at 9:00am in the Scheidt Room**. We then invite you to attend the 10:30am service to have your new Bibles

blessed and celebrate Reformation Sunday. The kids will get to use their Bibles during Sunday School, too! If you have not received an email about the event, please contact **Nicole Olds**.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Looking for new teachers to help teach Sunday School! We provide everything you need to create a fun morning of fellowship and growing in God's Word. You can even pick your favorite age group to work with, as we are looking for Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade teachers! The teaching schedule involves a 5-week teaching period followed by a 10-week break. In total, you will lead 2-3 rotations throughout the school year. Let's create an environment that excites our kids about coming to church! Reach out to **Nicole Olds** to sign-up or for more information.



### SHINE THE LIGHT NIGHT!

Families with kids of all ages are invited to our Halloween event, **Shine the Light Night!** Join us on **Sunday, October 27th from 3:00pm-5:00pm** for a fun afternoon of trick or treating around the church, photo-ops in costume, yummy snacks, dancing, and a charity project. Come in your Halloween costume (adults too!) and be a part of this fun event! Bring a friend or two! Sign-up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you plan to attend! Contact **Laura Vowell** for more information.



### SHINE THE LIGHT NIGHT - VOLUNTEERS!

We need help from congregation members of all ages to make this event a SUCCESS! Please sign-up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you would like to help out with decorating a doorway for trick or treaters, set-up/clean-up, or running games.

*\*Counts toward service hours for Confirmands!*



### POSITIVE PARENTING IS BACK!

Welcome back to the joy of fall, routine, and a bit more "me time!" Come and join Positive Parenting on one of your upcoming Wednesday mornings. We are a group of moms that discuss topics relating to family-life, parenting, and motherhood. We explore a wide-range of books and ideas throughout the year and enjoy conversation, prayer, and community with one another. We meet weekly on **Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room**. Nursery care is provided and available on a drop-in basis for younger children. Each session stands alone - there is no need to purchase books or read ahead of attending.

#### UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

- **October 2nd:** Prepare a meal for Family of God
- **October 9th:** Bible Study led by Pastor Randy
- **October 16th, 23rd, 30th:** We will tackle and discuss one of the biggest parenting behemoths - technology! We will pull from The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt, podcasts, and lean into moms that have begun this walk.

Please reach out to **Kristin Thompson** (kethompson1@gmail.com) or **Victoria Ilitch** (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with any questions - we can't wait to see you!



# REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



## FALL SCHEDULE

October 4th-6th: Youth Retreat - Camp Skyline

*No Youth Group Sunday, October 6th*

October 13th: Pumpkin Carving, 7:00-9:00pm  
*Meet in the Youth Room*

October 14th: FOG, 5:00-8:00pm  
*Meet in the Kitchen*

October 19th: Camp Restore Volunteer Day,  
8:30-4:00pm

October 20th: Bible Study, 7:00-9:00pm  
*Meet in the Youth Room*

October 27th: Murder Mystery, 7:00-9:00pm  
*Meet in the Youth Room*



A FUN TIME WAS  
HAD BY ALL AT  
THIS YEAR'S  
ROAD RALLY -  
WE'RE GLAD SO  
MANY WERE  
ABLE TO ATTEND!

## JAMS GAME NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 15th  
5:30pm – 8:30pm



## FAMILY OF GOD

RYG cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen the 2nd Monday of every month - come join us to help others!

October 14th

November 11th

*\*Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner!*



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ALWAYS  
CHECK INSTAGRAM  
FOR ANY  
SCHEDULE CHANGES



# MUSIC MINISTRY



All the wonderful music ministry groups at Redeemer are back in full swing!  
Redeemer's Music Ministry offers a place for everyone - experienced or novice, choral or instrumental.  
If you're interested in singing or playing for the glory of God, please join us!

## **CHANCEL CHOIR: ADULT ONLY**

The Chancel Choir sings at our Sunday morning worship services and seasonal festival services to enhance the worship experience. The Chancel Choir provides opportunities for those who enjoy singing everything from classic anthems to modern settings in a traditional, contemporary, spiritual or gospel style. The Choir practices each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00pm in the music room.

**Steve SeGraves - [stevensegraves@gmail.com](mailto:stevensegraves@gmail.com)**

## **REDEEMER PRAISE**

The church's praise team, Redeemer Praise, sings and plays on the third Sunday of the month at the 9:00am and 10:30am worship services and during summer 10:30am services. It provides opportunities for those who enjoy singing or playing wonderful arrangements of contemporary Christian music. The Praise team meets Sunday mornings from September to May at 8:00am in the sanctuary, and in the summer at 9:00am in the Choir Room.

**Steve SeGraves - [stevensegraves@gmail.com](mailto:stevensegraves@gmail.com)**

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

The Youth Choir is made up of children ages 6-14 years of age. These musical children sing on special events during the church year, mainly at Christmas time and generally at the 10:30am worship service. Rehearsal information to be announced.

**Nancy Lesinski (248.709.3040) or Nicole Olds**

## **REDEEMER BRASS**

Our Brass Ensemble plays on the second Sunday of each month at the 9:00am and 10:30am services, and on special Sundays throughout the year. Participation is open to any brass player who can play easy to moderately challenging pieces. Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 11:30am after the 10:30am worship service.

**Pastor Jimmy Greenwalt**

## **REDEEMER RINGERS: ADULT BELL CHOIR**

This group brings the unique and beautiful sound of bells to our worship services, sometimes joining with the Chancel Choir, Redeemer Brass, or other featured instrumentalists. The Redeemer Ringers usually play on the fourth Sunday of each month and they rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the hand bell room.

**James Compton (248.396.7635)**

*Come sing or ring, or play an instrument for our God. If you need a ride to rehearsal, we will make sure you have one. If you need childcare for your children, it can be provided. If you can't commit every week, we will work with your schedule.*

*And by the way, for Chancel Choir, if you can't read music, that's ok. It is not a requirement. There is no audition. Join us for great fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to minister to the congregation. Come make music with us!*

## **HAS GOD GIVEN YOU MUSICAL TALENT? GIVE IT BACK TO HIM!**

Not everyone is blessed with musical talent. If you have musical ability but are not participating in a music ministry group at Redeemer, you are missing out on the opportunity for God to use your musical talent for His glory. And we are missing out on you!

- **Reduce Stress and Sadness:** Singing in a choir also has big benefits for physical and mental well-being. Research has suggested that group singing increases oxygen levels in the blood and triggers the release of the hormone oxytocin, which is associated with happy feelings and stress relief. Oxytocin also enhances feelings of trust and bonding.
- **Build Lasting Christian Friendships:** Research on group singing shows that people who sing in a choir have a strong sense of togetherness and being part of a meaningful group. Researchers discovered that members of a choir saw their heart rates actually synchronize when they sang together. So, music is good for your heart and your spirit.

Most importantly, you will help lead the congregation in worship of our blessed Redeemer! So come on! Sing, ring or play your heart out to the Lord!

## **THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS**

Please join the Chancel Choir as we prepare the Cantata The Wonder of Christmas to be presented with full orchestra on **Sunday, December 22nd** at the 9:00am and 10:30am services. This is a special opportunity for those of you who enjoy singing but perhaps cannot make a weekly commitment to singing on Sunday with the choir. Starting the **first Wednesday of October**, we will spend the first half-hour of our Chancel Choir Rehearsal on the Cantata - join us from **6:30-7:00pm**, or stay longer if you'd like!

*This invitation is designed to allow more church members to participate in the Cantata, which is an amazing experience, as we are joined by outstanding professional instrumentalists from the Detroit area.*

## **JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA YOUTH CHOIR**

We have a very exciting opportunity for children, ages 6 and up, to participate in the "Wonder of Christmas" to be presented with the Chancel Choir and full orchestra on **Sunday, December 22nd at the 9:00am and 10:30am services (dress rehearsal Saturday, December 21st)**. Rehearsals for Sunday School ages (older children also welcome) will begin **October 13th from 10:00-10:45am in the Chapel**. Middle Schoolers (and older) will rehearse on select Wednesdays during scheduled confirmation classes. Please contact **Nancy Lesinski ([nancylesinski@gmail.com](mailto:nancylesinski@gmail.com))**, **Laura Vowell** or **Nicole Olds** with any questions.

# COUNSELING CORNER

In September's Lamp article, I revealed that the people - my clients in my counseling practice - that get better and find relief in their difficult situations, are the ones that "do the work." Many of us in this self-contained culture tend to want an abbreviated method that works faster to get the job done quicker. NO CAN DO. In God's world, His timing - not ours! - is perfect. I've heard it said many times that God is never early but He's never late, either. We are not clairvoyant, and we cannot predict the future of how each optional scenario will end. Only God knows how each scenario will end and, because He is a loving and kind God who desperately loves us with everything He has, He picks the BEST scenario for us with the very BEST end result.

How many times have we all thanked God for not answering a particular prayer request? And in looking back, His answer was better and perfect! This is a hard pill to swallow because we all think we know what's best for us, "if dear Lord you just give me this or that or that person!" Again, remember, He knows how things will end so if you are patient with our dear Lord, He will manifest His best answer for you. Waiting on Him will develop perseverance and spiritual maturity (James 1).

This "waiting on God" exercise is actually doing the work. In not trying to jump ahead of Him and fix things your way, honoring His sovereignty by trusting and allowing Him to do the very best for you in HIS timing, a massive move forward in acquiring spiritual maturity occurs. It's not easy - I know! Sometimes, it's a daily sacrifice that we have to give God, our anxiety, fear, and sin.

May I encourage all of us to remember to confess our sins daily as "He is just and will forgive us" (John 1:9), as said in the Lord's Prayer - "forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who trespass against me." You might take a look at and deeply contemplate in your prayer time each sentence of the Lord's Prayer, where you personally commune with the Father. He desires very much to be involved in all aspects of your life. Trusting Him in these things is also "doing the work."

Friends - this all takes intentional effort and a lot of discipline, but I promise you, it is well worth the effort!

May God be with you as you "do the work,"

Dr. Sandy Pourcho



## COUNSELING CENTER

Redeemer Counseling Center is open and our counselors are available to address your counseling needs! Call to set-up an appointment soon!

**Sandy Pourcho, PHD**  
248.568.6040

**Rev. Ron Farah, Pastoral Counseling**  
248.642.3137



# OCTOBER

## BIBLE READING PLAN

**1**

Isaiah 62:6-65:25  
Philippians 2:19-3:3  
Psalm 73:1-28  
Proverbs 24:13-14

**2**

Isaiah 66:1-24  
Philippians 3:4-21  
Psalm 74:1-23  
Proverbs 24:15-16

**3**

Jeremiah 1:1-2:30  
Philippians 4:1-23  
Psalm 75:1-10  
Proverbs 24:17-20

**4**

Jeremiah 2:31-4:18  
Colossians 1:1-17  
Psalm 76:1-12  
Proverbs 24:21-22

**5**

Jeremiah 4:19-6:15  
Colossians 1:18-2:7  
Psalm 77:1-20  
Proverbs 24:23-25

**6**

Jeremiah 6:16-8:7  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Psalm 78:1-31  
Proverbs 24:26

**7**

Jeremiah 8:8-9:26  
Colossians 3:1-17  
Psalm 78:32-55  
Proverbs 24:27

**8**

Jeremiah 10:1-11:23  
Colossians 3:18-4:18  
Psalm 78:56-72  
Proverbs 24:28-29

**9**

Jeremiah 12:1-14:10  
1 Thessalonians  
1:1-2:8  
Psalm 79:1-13  
Proverbs 24:30-34

**10**

Jeremiah  
14:11-16:15  
1 Thessalonians  
2:9-3:13  
Psalm 80:1-19  
Proverbs 25:1-5

**11**

Jeremiah  
16:16-18:23  
1 Thessalonians  
4:1-5:3  
Psalm 81:1-16  
Proverbs 25:6-8

**12**

Jeremiah  
19:1-21:14  
1 Thessalonians  
5:4-8  
Psalm 82:1-8  
Proverbs 25:9-10

**13**

Jeremiah 22:1-23:20  
2 Thessalonians  
1:1-12  
Psalm 83:1-18  
Proverbs 25:11-14

**14**

Jeremiah  
23:21-25:38  
2 Thessalonians  
2:1-17  
Psalm 84:1-12  
Proverbs 25:15

**15**

Jeremiah 26:1-27  
2 Thessalonians  
3:1-18  
Psalm 85:1-13  
Proverbs 25:16

**16**

Jeremiah 28:1-29:32  
1 Timothy 1:1-20  
Psalm 86:1-17  
Proverbs 25:17

**17**

Jeremiah 30:1-31:26  
1 Timothy 2:1-15  
Psalm 87:1-7  
Proverbs 25:18-19

**18**

Jeremiah  
31:27-32:44  
1 Timothy 3:1-16  
Psalm 88:1-18  
Proverbs 25:20-22

**19**

Jeremiah 33:1-34:22  
1 Timothy 4:1-16  
Psalm 89:1-13  
Proverbs 25:23-24

**20**

Jeremiah 35:1-36:32  
1 Timothy 5:1-25  
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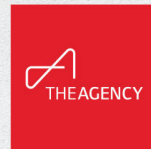
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Joanna Newman  
Bill Pourcho  
Cary Richert  
Scott Whitfield  
Luca Zuliani

## October 4

Brett Berumen  
Tim Buechner  
Leah Cobb  
Grant Harper  
Graham Ritter

## October 5

Leslie Baranowski  
Michael Curtis  
Nate Eckert  
Quinn Elliott  
Melissa Hoover  
Lillia Kiriluk  
Olivia Lang  
Adrianna Lomax  
Elizabeth Mabley  
Anna Margosian  
Randy Schlak  
James Schmidt  
Palmer Seme

## October 6

Kati Beckeman  
Jeffrey Falk  
Cindy Grove  
Hannah Schmidt  
Sarah Kabacinski  
Scarlett Kaiser

## October 7

Kate Curtis  
Andrew Martin  
Kevin Mills  
Philip Smith  
Marissa Young

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Ben Koepke  
Albert Madlangbayan  
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Ashleigh Puleo

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Maggie Noettl

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Daphne Fuqua

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Mary Jane Johnson  
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Paige Gardner  
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Sachin Kelkar  
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Alfred Sherk  
Kelly VanHulle

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Caitlyn Kulczycki  
Jennifer Pratt  
Claire Rubel

## October 15

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Connor Flynn  
Freeland Goddard  
Jonathan Leischner  
Diana Lepola  
James MacKillop  
Aidan O'Neill

## October 16

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