

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we looked at a story from Acts 8. As the church experienced persecution, one of the first deacons, Philip, fled Jerusalem and brought the gospel message to the Samaritans. In spite of the growth of the early church in the region of Samaria, God told Philip to move on. Without knowing what the outcome would be, Philip listened to God and because of it, met an Ethiopian official who came to faith in Jesus and carried the gospel message back to his home with him. Much like Philip, we are called to listen for and respond to God's prompting.

ENCOUNTERING GOD

This week, pray that you can notice when God is prompting you to do something and for the courage to take action. Then, as you go through your day, respond to that nudge you feel to reach out to a friend, apologize to someone you've hurt, or step out of your comfort zone in some way.

THIS SUNDAY

- **8:30am Worship** in the Sanctuary
- **11am Worship** in the Sanctuary

Live streams of both services will be available on Zoom for those who do not yet feel comfortable participating in person. If you're interested in joining via Zoom, please contact [Pastor Dan](#). (Our Sunday morning learning time will resume in the fall.)

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT, OCTOBER 7-8

Mark your calendars! The Redeemer Women's Retreat will be October 7-8 (those wanting a little extra time away are welcome to stay until Sunday, October 9). As usual, we'll hold the retreat at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois. More details and sign-up coming soon.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION: AUGUST 7

This Sunday, August 7, we'll collect nonperishable food items for Maine Township Food Pantry. If you're able, please bring something to support our neighbors.

UPDATE: BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

In July we collected back-to-school items for foster children in grades K-12, in partnership with [Kids Above All](#). If you didn't get the chance to donate and would like to, you can still contribute until August 26 through [their Amazon wish list](#). Questions? [Contact Deacon Karen](#).

VOLUNTEER WITH EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

Exodus World Service mobilizes the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. One way you can help is by volunteering as a “new neighbor.” Those who help with the “new neighbor” program visit with a refugee family that has recently arrived in Chicago and answer basic questions about life in the U.S., help refugees practice their English and introduce them to their community. [Click here](#) for more information or talk to Paul Palandri on a Sunday morning.

STORYBOOK PROJECT

Kids around Illinois go to bed night after night without the ability to hear their incarcerated parent read to them. The [Storybook Project](#) is a way to love like Jesus by recording incarcerated parents reading books to their kids and then sending the recordings and the books to the kids. [Click here to see a short video about the program.](#) If you’d be interested in being a part of a team that helps make this happen, or if you’re just interested in learning more, [email Pastor Peter!](#)

DEACON KAREN ORDINATION & INSTALLATION: FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 7PM

Mark your calendar for Karen Katamay’s ordination and installation as deacon of Redeemer. Deacon Karen will be ordained and installed on Friday, August 19, at 7pm, with a reception following the worship service. This is an exciting time for our congregation to celebrate Karen’s faithful path to ministry and the important work we’ll do together for God’s kingdom!

NO SENIOR LUNCHEON IN AUGUST

Senior luncheon remains on summer break this month. Our next meeting will be on September 7, at 11am. As always, we’ll gather for fellowship, a Bible study, and lunch. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

KEELER GARDEN(S) PARTY: TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 6-8PM

Come connect with nature and friends at [Keeler Gardens](#) (3631 N Keeler Ave, Chicago, IL 60641), hosted by Ed Caplan and Gina Iliopoulos. We’ll gather for a relaxing evening together (around a fire if the weather is cool). Bring something to share if you like, and your favorite chair.

GAME NIGHT: FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 7PM

Join us at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a game night! We’ll meet at 7pm on Friday, August 12, for games and pizza. This event is kid-friendly, and you can park for free in the Hoyne Savings Bank lot. Bring a friend, a game, a dish, a drink, or just your lovely self! Contact [Jade Schwich](#) with any questions or suggestions.

FAITH IN ACTION: SUNDAY SUPPER

On Sunday, August 21, at 10am, we’ll pack drinks and desserts to be distributed later that day at the [Park Ridge Sunday Night Supper ministry](#). This is a great opportunity to love and serve our neighbors through the giving of our time. The event moves quickly so plan to be there right at 10am! Questions? Contact [Deacon Karen](#).

MEN'S GROUP: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

The Redeemer men's group meets every other Thursday, from 7-8:30pm. We gather in a hybrid format in person in the church sanctuary and via Zoom (next meeting is August 11). We're currently watching an engaging video series based on the book *How (Not) to Read the Bible*, by Dan Kimball. Contact [Joe Duea](#) with any questions.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30PM

Everyone's welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting is Monday, September 5, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer Church. We'll discuss [Lost Horizon, by James Hilton](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH REDEEMER'S PRAYER TEAM

We have a faithful team continually praying for our congregation. To share your prayer requests or to be added to the team, please email redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)

NEED FINANCIAL ADVICE?

Joe Duea, a member of Redeemer and a financial advisor with Western & Southern Life, is available on Friday afternoons at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave). [Contact Joe](#) if you need any financial guidance or have any financial questions.