

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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LAST SUNDAY

When Jesus intervened to rescue Saul on his journey to Damascus (where Saul had intended to arrest disciples of Jesus), Jesus didn't simply remove Saul as a barrier to God's mission. Instead, Jesus used Saul's strengths and gifts by almost immediately putting him to work sharing the gospel with conviction, deep knowledge of Scripture, and powerful intellect.

YOUR WALK

God has given you unique gifts and unique strengths. When those gifts and strengths are powered by an awareness of how much we matter to God, we're equipped to live with just as much purpose and passion as Saul did after his encounter with Jesus. So ask yourself: In what ways am I feeling complacent? Do I need to reacquaint myself with how much I matter to God? Do I need to uncover my unique wiring, find ways to build on my strengths, and put those strengths into action? (For extra impact, ask these questions with people who know you well and care about you!)

THIS SUNDAY

- **8:30am Worship** in the Sanctuary
- **10am Love Your Neighbor Event (see below)** in the Gym
- **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 Peter](#).

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

Karen Katamay's ordination and installation as deacon of Redeemer is this 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! The ordination service will also be streaming on [Redeemer's YouTube page](#).

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: SUNDAY SUPPER: THIS SUNDAY, 10AM

This 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](#).

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](#).

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! WOMEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 7-8

Get excited! It's almost time for the women's retreat. Come spend October 7-8 at the peaceful Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois. You'll focus your attention on discovering your "spiritual temperaments"—that is, your best way of knowing and loving God. You'll leave with ideas for how to more regularly and meaningfully connect with your Creator in ways that suit how you were created. As always, we'll set aside plenty of time simply to rest and recharge.

Click [here](#) for more details and to sign up. The registration deadline is September 26. Contact [Rachel Quest](#) with questions.

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 25). 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.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION GROUP: RESUMES SEPTEMBER 22, 7PM

After a break for the summer months, the Redeemer women's connection group will start up again on September 22. We are going to try a hybrid approach this fall, with options to meet in person at Redeemer and also on Zoom. We will begin with a discussion of the book *Exhale: Lose Who You're Not, Love Who You Are, Live Your One Life Well*, by Amy Carroll and Cheri Gregory. All women are welcome to join! [Contact Deacon Karen](#) with any questions.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 6:30PM

Everyone's welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting is Monday, August 29, 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.