

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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Our Week as Redeemer Church: News, Updates, & Resources

LAST SUNDAY

Sometimes we forget or underestimate the lasting impact our encouragement can have on the people around us. Barnabas, in Acts 11:19-23, provides a good reminder. He traveled to Antioch (in Syria) to support a crowd of new Jesus followers. He celebrated that God was at work in them, he encouraged them to persevere through challenges, he made sure they had the best teacher he knew (Saul) to guide them, and he stuck around for a year to help co-teach them. Barnabas was only able to be this kind of strong encourager by drawing on the power of the Holy Spirit and remaining faithfully reliant on God. As a result, the first international gathering of Jesus followers, and the nickname “Christian,” were born.

Good thing Barnabas did not forget or underestimate the value of encouragement. The church needs encouragers. The church has always needed encouragers. The people in our congregation need your encouragement.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Take one intentional, concrete step to encourage someone in our congregation this week (that is, to invest yourself in their good and spur them forward). Keep it simple. Here are some questions and possibilities to help you get started:

- Who do you appreciate? Admire? Count on? Do they know it? Tell them.
- Who do you guess is doing fine? Are you sure? Ask them.
- Who do you suspect isn't doing fine? Ask them.
- Who do you miss seeing? Do they know it? Tell them.
- Ask someone how you can pray for them.
- Sketch out your testimony.
- Have an “I see in you” moment (tell someone about a gift or strength you observe in them).
- Give someone a gift.
- Schedule coffee or lunch with someone.
- Get to know someone new. Ask them lots of questions.
- Invite someone to help you with something.
- Join a connection group or book discussion. Listen generously and share generously.

THIS SUNDAY: WORSHIP & LEARNING HOUR

- **8:30am Traditional Worship** in the Sanctuary
- **9:45am Sunday School** (preschool through 5th grade) in the Family Room
- **9:45am Adult Discipleship: Exploration of Psalm 23** in the Gym
- **9:45am Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) in the Gym
- **11:00am Contemporary Worship** in the Sanctuary

(Note: Starting October 2, Zoom streams of our worship services will no longer be available.)

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION: OCTOBER 2

This Sunday, October 2, we'll collect nonperishable food items for Maine Township Food Pantry. If you're able, please bring something to support our neighbors.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: CROP WALK: OCTOBER 16

On Sunday, October 16, Christians across Park Ridge and Niles will be working together to fight hunger, both in our communities and around the world. The CROP Hunger Walk is a fun way to love our neighbors the way Jesus taught us to. You can participate by donating to our Redeemer team, by asking your friends and family to support you as a walker, and/or by walking! We'll meet at St Andrew's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge at 1:15pm on Sunday, October 16, and walk a few miles together. [Click here to register and/or to donate.](#) Questions? [Email Pastor Peter.](#)

CROP WALK FUNDRAISER AT THE HARP & FIDDLE

On Thursday, October 13, do the responsible thing: *don't cook*. That's right. Dine in, carry out, or get delivery from The Harp & Fiddle in Park Ridge anytime from 11am-9pm, and 15% of the proceeds will support the Niles/Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk. *Be sure to mention the CROP walk when you place your order!* The Harp & Fiddle is located at 110 Main Street in Park Ridge.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR KATHERINE EHLERT

On Sunday, September 18, Katherine Ehlert was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Katherine recently served as an intern at Redeemer, spending most of her internship at Third Place Chicago. Katherine will be serving as Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Arlington Heights. Congratulations, Pastor Katherine!

OCTOBER FAITH IN ACTION EVENT: WILDWOOD NATURE CENTER

Come spend a Saturday morning caring for creation at [Wildwood Nature Center](#). On October 15 from 9:00-11:30am, we'll go as a team to help with some general cleanup and care for this beautiful outdoor space.

Wildwood Nature Center is committed to this mission: *To provide environmental education, outreach programs, and natural experiences for people of all ages; strive to increase biodiversity, stewardship, and awareness of the natural world; and mentor and lead individuals to respect and appreciate local wildlife and the environment.*

[Click here to sign up.](#)

Wildwood Nature Center is located at 529 Forestview Avenue in Park Ridge.

Questions? Contact rachel@redeemerparkridge.com.

MINISTRY FOR MOMS: OCTOBER 1 (AND THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH)

Join other moms at our MOPS/MOMsnext group held at Third Place Chicago on Saturday, October 1, from 9:30am-12:00pm. All moms are welcome, no matter their age or the age of their children. We meet to share our hopes, fears, and insights in a format that works with our schedules. This year's theme is *We Go Together!* For more information, go to thirdplacechicago.com/mops or contact [Christin Anzalotti](#) or [Mandi Glowen](#).

SENIOR LUNCHEON

All seniors are invited to church on Tuesday, October 4, at 11am for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch as we pick back up with our monthly senior luncheon gatherings. Questions? [Contact Pastor Dan](#).

WOMEN'S CONNECTION GROUP: OCTOBER 6, 7PM (MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY)

This Fall, the women's group is using a hybrid approach, with options to meet in person at Redeemer in the conference room and also on Zoom. All women are welcome to join! [Contact Deacon Karen](#) with any questions.

MEN'S GROUP: OCTOBER 6, 7PM (MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY)

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. Contact [Joe Dueda](#) with any questions.

GAME NIGHT: OCTOBER 14, 7PM

Join us at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a game night! We'll meet at 7pm on Friday, October 14, 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 at jade.schwich@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:30PM

Everyone's welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting is Monday, October 3, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer Church. We'll discuss [*The Tide Between Us*, by Olive Collins](#). 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!)

SHIFT IN WORSHIP ROLES

Starting in October, our worship coordinator, Aracely Bock, is going to shift roles. She'll continue to lead our worship band about 1-2 times a month, but she'll be stepping back from scheduling the band and other administrative responsibilities. This will allow her more flexibility while still allowing Redeemer to benefit from her amazing God-given gifts. Going forward, Pastor Peter will be responsible for worship coordination at our 11am service. Thanks to Aracely for her faithful service during these very strange and challenging last few years!

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.