

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we continued our message series *Revealed* by looking at John 2:1-12. When Jesus was attending a wedding at which the wine had run out (threatening serious embarrassment of the wedding host), Jesus used huge water jars intended for religious ritual to miraculously turn water into wine. Jesus knew that choosing to act in this way would set him on a path of conflict with some of the Jewish religious authorities, and he knew this conflict would ultimately lead to his death. Jesus valued the honor of the wedding host more than he valued these particular religious traditions, and he prioritized the well-being of the host over his own.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How might you invite God into aspects of your life that you tend to assume God doesn't care about?
- What's one practical way you can place another person's well-being above your own in a new way this week?

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 Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) in the Staff Office (door off of the Gym)
- **9:45am Adult Discipleship** in the Gym
- **9:45am Bible Study (see below)** in the Conference Room
- **11:00am Contemporary Worship** in the Sanctuary

THERE IS STILL TIME TO TURN IN FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has already made a financial commitment for the upcoming year. If you haven't yet turned in your financial commitment form, please bring it next Sunday or mail it to the church office. Need another form? Extra financial commitment forms can be found by the nametags in the coffee bar area.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS: MISSION SUPPORT

Last year, we decided as a congregation to support several partner organizations in carrying out the missions God has called them to. This week, we're following through on two more of those commitments. [Mission of Our Lady of the Angels](#), a wonderful organization that Redeemer volunteers have worked with for many years, is receiving \$110,000 to support their God-honoring work. And our local church body, the [Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#), is receiving \$250,000. Our ability to support these partners in mission is possible because of the generosity of our members and regular attenders who support our shared ministry as a congregation.

HOMELESS CARE KIT COLLECTION & ASSEMBLY

This January, let's help out those who are experiencing homelessness by donating items for homeless care kits, which can then be taken to be given out as needed. Our goal is to assemble 60 kits. Please bring donated items to church by January 29, and come to the gym to help assemble the kits on February 5, between services, at 10am. [Click here for a list of needed items](#). Questions? [Email Deacon Karen](#).

EXODUS TRAINING

Refugees start their lives over in the U.S. with next to nothing and face the difficult challenge of learning a new culture and language. Consider joining Deacon Karen this Saturday at 9am for cross-cultural training at the Exodus World Service office (780 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge), and begin making a difference in the life of a newly resettled refugee. If you are not free this weekend, you can sign up for an alternate training date (both in person and online) on their website. [Click here](#) to sign up for the training.

DESIGN YOUR YEAR FOLLOW-UP

If you wanted to participate in our recent *Design Your Year* workshop, but were unable to attend, please contact our Coaching Director, [Rachel](#). There are lots of ways to engage with the workshop content, so let's make time to discern what's most important for you in the coming year. Your future self will thank you!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDCARE ATTENDANT

Last Sunday, January 22, we welcomed a new childcare attendant, Christina Louie, to the team. Childcare attendants are an integral part of Redeemer as they provide assistance to parents during worship and help with Sunday School between services. Be sure to say hello when you see Christina!

HELP WITH THE FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team is looking for new members! We're a team of people who meet about four times a year to dive into the details of the church's finances. We review contributions and expenses, and see how they compare to our budget. No prior financial experience is required! We'll have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 31, at 7:30pm, but you're welcome to join the team even if you can't make that meeting. If you're interested, please contact our Treasurer, Dan Glowen, at dglowen@gmail.com.

GAME NIGHT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Join us at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a game night! We'll meet at 7pm on Friday, February 10, for games and pizza. This event is kid-friendly! Bring a friend, a game, a dish, a drink, or just your lovely self! Contact [Jade Schwich](#) with any questions or suggestions.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION GROUP: JANUARY 26, 7PM (MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY)

Our next meeting of the women's group will be on Thursday, January 26, at 7pm. Our group will be meeting every other Thursday on Zoom for the winter months. We are currently doing a study using the book *40-Day Journey with Parker J. Palmer*, by Henry F. French. Join us for the discussion even if you don't have time to read the book (notes will be provided). [Contact Deacon Karen](#) with any questions.

MEN'S GROUP RETURNS: JANUARY 26, 7-8:30PM (MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY)

The Redeemer men's group gathers in a hybrid format in person in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. Contact [Joe Duea](#) with any questions.

MINISTRY FOR MOMS: FEBRUARY 4, 9:30AM-12:00PM (FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH)

Join other moms at our MOPS/MOMSnex group at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave). All moms are welcome, no matter their age or the age of their children. We meet to share our hopes, fears, and insights. This year's theme is *We Go Together!* For more information, go to thirdplacechicago.com/mops or contact [Christin Anzalotti](#) or [Mandi Glowen](#).

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:30PM

Everyone's welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting is Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [Commonwealth, by Ann Patchett](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

Do you know of a member of our Redeemer community who would benefit from having a [Meal Train](#) set up for them (perhaps someone who is recuperating from surgery, lost a loved one, or just had a baby)? Check with the person to make sure they're interested and then email office@redeemerparkridge.com to get things started.

SHARE & UPDATE 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 redemerpayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know! It helps our team know how to continue praying.)

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.