

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

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

#### LAST SUNDAY

The day after a crowd of over 5,000 people was fed with only five loaves of bread and two fish, the people came looking for Jesus to provide them with their next meal. Rather than replicating his previous miracle, Jesus instead offered them the “bread of life”, a bread he promised would ensure that those who follow him will never hunger or thirst again. The bread of life that Jesus offers is a relationship with him, a relationship that satisfies our desire for “more” and allows us to begin living lives as the people God made us to be.

#### PRACTICING FAITH

This week, begin each morning with the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, my desire for the things of this world can rarely be satisfied. Today, instead of seeking after those things in this world that don't have eternal significance, may I seek after things of eternal consequence. Help me find joy in a life spent with you, empowered by your Holy Spirit to live and love as you command. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### 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** in the Conference Room
- **11:00am Contemporary Worship** in the Sanctuary

#### LENT SOUP SUPPERS: WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Each Wednesday during Lent (throughout the month of March), we're meeting for a soup supper from 6-6:40pm in the Gym, followed by a short worship service with guided prayer from 7-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Through this season of reflection, we're engaging in a different guided prayer practice each week. Look for a Needs Request email sent February 15 to sign up to bring soup, bread, salad, or dessert.

## **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: HELP END HUNGER**

One of the ways we can love our neighbors is by advocating for their well-being with our representatives in government. Every day, people both nearby and far away struggle to get nutritious food for themselves and their children. There are good reasons to believe that this tragic problem is solvable. This year, Bread for the World, a Christian organization that advocates for policies to end hunger both domestically and globally, is inviting Christians around the country to raise our collective voice to call on our lawmakers to craft a Farm Bill that takes big steps toward ending hunger.

- To learn about the policies Bread supports, [click here](#).
- And to learn about how this affects us close to home in Illinois, [click here](#).
- If you want to write to your representatives asking them to support policies like those Bread supports, [please consider clicking here to send an email](#). (Check the box saying that you're writing as part of an Offering of Letters, and write "Redeemer Church, Park Ridge, IL" for the congregation name.) We don't all agree on everything, and that's a good thing! So you're encouraged to personalize your email, including by adding a sentence or two explaining why this is important to you. Questions? [Email Pastor Peter](#).

## **MEN'S GROUP: MARCH 23, 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.

## **WOMEN'S CONNECTION GROUP: MARCH 23, 7PM (MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY)**

Our next meeting of the women's group will be Thursday, March 23, at 7pm on Zoom. 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.

## **GAME NIGHT: FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

Join us at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a game night! We'll meet at 7pm on Friday, April 14, 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.

## **CALLING ALL QUILTERS!**

For those of you who enjoy quilting and time spent with other quilters, come join us this Saturday, March 18, from 9:30am to 3:30pm in the Gym. Knitters are also welcome! Lunch and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact [Linda Gonzales](#).

## **MINISTRY FOR MOMS: APRIL 1, 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. For more information, go to [thirdplacechicago.com/mops](http://thirdplacechicago.com/mops) or contact [Christin Anzalotti](#) or [Mandi Glowen](#).

### **REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, APRIL 3, 6:30PM**

Everyone's welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting is Monday, April 3, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [My Sister's Keeper, by Jodi Picoult](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

### **EXODUS CELEBRATION OF HOPE GALA**

Join Exodus World Service for their annual benefit on the evening of April 13 to learn how the Christian community is showing hospitality to our newest neighbors. You'll be inspired by stories from courageous refugees and learn how your partnership plays a vital role in connecting volunteers and refugees in mutually beneficial friendships. Register for the complimentary in-person Celebration of Hope at [exodusworldservice.org](http://exodusworldservice.org). When registering, please list Karen Katamay as host to be seated with other friends from Redeemer. Questions? [Contact Deacon Karen](#).

### **BLOOD DRIVE: SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

Want to help others by donating blood? The mobile unit of Vitalant will be onsite at First United Methodist Church in Park Ridge (418 W Touhy Ave, with parking at the lot on Grant Place just north of the church and on adjacent streets) on Sunday, March 19, 8am to 12pm, for blood donations. [Click here to register](#). For additional information or questions, contact Janelle Wendling at 847-825-3144.

### **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

The 55th annual Park Ridge Men's Prayer Breakfast will be taking place on Saturday, April 1, at the Park Ridge Country Club, at 7:30am. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit [their website](#).

### **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](mailto: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 [redemerprayerteam@gmail.com](mailto:redemerprayerteam@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 Dua, 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.