

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we were joined by Sue Horgan from Exodus World Service. Sue shared about Exodus's work to provide Christians with opportunities to participate in God's mission by welcoming and befriending refugees in the Chicago area.

PRACTICING FAITH

Exodus World Service provides many opportunities to put faith and love into action, requiring varying levels of time and commitment. Take some time this week to prayerfully consider whether God might be inviting you to take a step in service with Exodus, [then take a look at their website to find a good fit](#). One simple step is to go to their annual Celebration of Hope, this April 13, to celebrate a year of wonderful work. [Click here for information about this year's Celebration of Hope](#).

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.

FAITH IN ACTION WEEKEND PLANNING TEAM: SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AT 12:30PM

Faith in Action Weekend (when we cancel our worship services and form teams to serve in our communities) is coming up fast and we are looking for a few people to help us plan our service opportunities for this year. Join us in the Conference Room this Sunday, March 26, at 12:30pm, to help brainstorm ideas.

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](#). For a short summary of the problems and opportunities these policies seek to address, [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](#).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Let's worship together as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection:

- **Sunday, April 2, 8:30 & 11:00AM** - Palm Sunday Worship
- **Thursday, April 6, 7:00PM** - Maundy Thursday Worship at [Messiah Lutheran Church](#) (1605 Vernon Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068)
- **Friday, April 7** - Good Friday Dinner and Worship, 5:30PM Dinner / 6:30PM Worship
- **Sunday, April 9** - Easter Sunday Celebration, 8:30 & 11:00AM Worship / 9:45AM Breakfast & Egg Hunt

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.

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 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.

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.

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. When registering, please list Karen Katamay as host to be seated with other friends from Redeemer. Questions? [Contact Deacon Karen](#).

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](#).

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: APRIL 7 AT NOON

A community Good Friday worship service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (205 N Prospect Ave in Park Ridge) at noon on April 7 will feature the [Montag String Ensemble playing Franz Joseph Haydn's The Seven Last Words of Christ](#), with brief reflections from members of the Park Ridge Ministerial Association.

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 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 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.