

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 09-13-2023

Check out what's happening in our community.

### LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday we celebrated Redeemer's annual Fall Kickoff. We marked the day by reflecting on how, as Christians, we are called to walk together in faith in the midst of our differences. When we do so, we bring glory to God and become better equipped to share God's love with those around us.

### THIS WEEK

Walk together with your brothers and sisters in Christ by committing to be a part of one of our fall small groups. You can find more information in the small group announcement below.

### THIS SUNDAY

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Discussion of Third Place Chicago in the Sanctuary (childcare provided in the Gym)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

### SIGN UP FOR FALL SMALL GROUPS

Signups for Redeemer's fall small groups are now open! [Click here to read the latest about and sign up for our September-November groups](#), which start meeting the week of September 17. Let's get started strengthening our relationships with people and with God through communal Scripture study, discussion, and prayer.

### DISCUSSION OF THIRD PLACE CHICAGO: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 9:45-10:45AM

Redeemer's Vision and Strategy Team has been discussing the future of Third Place Chicago (Redeemer's community center). [Please read this letter for an update](#), and then come to the Sanctuary at 9:45am this Sunday, September 17, to be a part of this important conversation.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 24

Our Sunday School program will begin on September 24. You can register your children using [this form](#), or by filling out a printed form when you come to church on Sunday. Even if your child has already been attending, please fill out a new form so we have current contact and allergy information. Also, if you have a child between the ages of 2 and 11 (through 5th grade), and you are not already on our Kids Ministry email list, please contact Deacon Karen or our office manager, Sara Trivedi, and we will be happy to add you to the list.

## **REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 20! ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 6-7**

[Click here to register for the Redeemer Women's Retreat](#), which will be October 6-7 (and those wanting a little extra time away are welcome to stay until Sunday, October 8). As usual, we'll hold the retreat at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois. Our theme is Embodied Prayer. Sometimes we think of our spiritual life as something that happens separate from our physical bodies. But as human beings created by God, it makes sense to acknowledge and intentionally include our physical bodies in prayer.

## **NEW NURSERY LOCATION**

Our nursery has a new home at the north end of the downstairs hallway, in the Family Room. It's fully functional and ready for little ones. Nursery care continues to be provided during the 8:30 and 11:00 services with our childcare attendants, Alexis and Christina. (As always, there's gym time for all kids up to 5th grade during the announcements and message at the 11:00 service.)

## **CANCELLED: GAME NIGHT**

Unfortunately, our game night scheduled for this Friday, September 15, has been cancelled.

## **MINISTRY FOR MOMS: OCTOBER 14, 9:30AM-12:00PM**

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 [Jade Schwich](#) or [Mandi Glowen](#).

## **GUEST PREACHER ON SEPTEMBER 24**

Pastor Fred Nelson will be delivering the message in worship on September 24. Fred formerly served as one of Redeemer's pastors before leaving to focus on prison and reentry ministry as executive director of the [Inside Out Network](#).

## **REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6:30PM**

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, October 9, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [Counterfeit, by Kirstin Chen](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

## **MIGRANT ASSISTANCE**

We are continuing to help asylum seekers who are staying at the 16th district police station and could use some additional volunteers. Currently we are most in need of people to be at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a few hours while migrant families take showers and do their laundry. We will plan around your availability. You do not need to know Spanish to do this, and you can partner with others. Please contact Deacon Karen if you would like to volunteer or help in other ways.

### **LEARN ABOUT NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT REFUGEES: THIS SATURDAY, 10:00-11:15AM**

The U.S. government has recently opened a new path for Americans to support refugees: private sponsorship. Our partners [Exodus World Service](#) will be holding an informational session about this opportunity this Saturday, September 16, at their Park Ridge office. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 15**

On Sunday, October 15, 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 [Messiah Lutheran Church](#) in Park Ridge at 1:45pm on Sunday, October 15, and walk a few miles together. [Click here to register and/or to donate.](#) Questions? Email Pastor Peter.

### **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 [redemerprayer@gmail.com](mailto:redemerprayer@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.)