# Our Week as Redeemer Church 09-20-2023

Check out what's happening in our community.

## **LAST SUNDAY**

God calls on us to reach out to those around us with the good news of Jesus Christ. However, before we can effectively reach those around us, we must reach out to God ourselves. When we nurture our relationship with the God who made us, we are equipped to respond to God's call on our lives to love and serve our neighbor.

#### THIS WEEK

This week, begin each day by reaching out to God with the following prayer: "Gracious God, thank you for this life you have given me. I ask that you would fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I can better love you and those around me this day. I ask this confidently and expectantly because I ask it in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen."

## THIS SUNDAY

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School for kids age 2-11 in the Nursery/Preschool Room (north end of the downstairs hallway)
- 9:45am Youth Group for middle and high school kids in the Staff Office (door at southwest corner of the Gym)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

# **FALL SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK**

Our fall small group term starts this week! We pray that God will use these groups to help us to connect more fully with him and with one another. If you haven't signed up yet, take a look at groups that will start meeting in the coming weeks, sign up, and start investing in yourself and others!

## **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.

#### **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.

### SAVE THE DATE: WALKING TOGETHER INTERFAITH WOMEN'S GATHERING

Redeemer is hosting a special interfaith and ecumenical gathering for women on Sunday, October 22, from 3-5pm. The gathering will include prayer, music, a storyteller, and discussion. Refreshments will be served. More information and registration for the event will be available soon. Questions? Contact <u>Deacon Karen</u>.

# **SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

For all of you who are seniors, or who just like hanging out with seniors, join us for a time of fellowship and discussion followed by a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

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

Join other moms at our MOPS/MOMSnext 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 <a href="mailto:thirdplacechicago.com/mops">thirdplacechicago.com/mops</a> or contact <a href="mailto:Jade Schwich">Jade Schwich</a> or <a href="Mandi Glowen">Mandi Glowen</a>.

# 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 <u>Counterfeit</u>, by <u>Kirstin Chen</u>. Please contact <u>Linda Gonzales</u> with any questions.

## MIGRANT ASSISTANCE

We are continuing to help asylum seekers who are staying at the 16th district police station, but currently are short on volunteers. If you are available to be at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a 2-3 hour shift while migrant families take showers and do their laundry, please let us know. We will plan around your schedule for day, evening, or weekend hours. 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.

## 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 <a href="Messiah Lutheran Church">Messiah Lutheran Church</a> in Park Ridge at 1:45pm on Sunday, October 15, and walk a few miles together. <a href="Click here to register and/or to donate.">Click here to register and/or to donate.</a> 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 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 <a href="mailto:redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com">redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com</a>. (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.)