Our Week as Redeemer Church 07-24-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday, we heard that God desires for us to participate in the Holy Spirit's work in our lives—the work of making us more and more into the image of Jesus.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

When you face stressful situations this week, remember Jesus' promise that the Spirit will be given to those who ask for it. So then, as you begin that difficult conversation, challenging meeting, daunting medical appointment, or interaction with your child, ask that God's Spirit "fill you" so that you can reflect the qualities of Jesus in the situation at hand.

THIS SUNDAY

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Between-service youth and children's discipleship offerings are on break for the summer. We'll return to 9:45am discipleship offerings after Fall Kickoff in September.

PASTOR PETER SABBATICAL

Pastor Peter is on sabbatical through August 11. If you have any immediate questions or pastoral needs while Pastor Peter is away, please contact <u>Pastor Dan</u>.

CHICAGO DOGS OUTING ON AUGUST 4

Be part of an afternoon of fun and fellowship at a Chicago Dogs baseball game in Rosemont. We currently have a block of 20 tickets for the game, and these will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your tickets <u>online</u> or by using the sign-up sheet by the coffee bar on Sunday. The cost per ticket is \$16. You can pay by Zelle (list <u>office@redeemerparkridge.com</u> as the recipient), or use an offering envelope and mark it with your name and "Chicago Dogs."

THIS SUNDAY: COLLECTION FOR MAINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

The first Sunday of each month, we collect items to support our neighbors through the Maine Township Food Pantry. The pantry receives canned goods from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, so they request that we donate toiletries, diapers, baby wipes, Depends, feminine hygiene products, paper products, and cleaning supplies. Questions? Contact <u>Deacon Karen</u>.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

We have two upcoming opportunities to help kids prepare for their First Communion: Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, September 1.

The class (a one-time session) takes about 90 minutes, during which we discuss a children's book called *A Place For You*. This book tells the story of Jesus and the Last Supper, and explains why and how we celebrate this meal together as a church body.

We'll also taste some bread and wine (or grape juice) together. If you feel your child is ready to start taking Communion, please sign up for one of the dates on this <u>form</u>.

If neither date works for you, please contact <u>Pastor Dan</u> so he can arrange an alternate date that will work for your child.

JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

Do you have a knack for organizing? Do you love to plan a party? We need your help! If you may be interested in joining the Hospitality Team, please reach out to Alysen Terretta (<u>mailto:alysenp@gmail.com</u>). The tasks include organizing and refreshing spaces in our building, helping to plan catering and set-up for church gatherings, welcoming new guests with baked goods and a visit....and much more! Some of these activities happen more often than others, and if you have a special interest or talent, you can choose to only volunteer to help with that need. For those interested, Alysen will provide a detailed list with the approximate frequency of the need.

USE YOUR THRIVENT ACTION DOLLARS AT REDEEMER

Enjoyed our Faith in Action Weekend? Do you have a Thrivent Financial account? If the answer to both of these is yes, then help us do more Faith in Action events year-round by using your Thrivent Action Team dollars to support this ministry. Members are eligible for funds of up to \$250 twice per year. Go to <u>this link</u> to find out more about Thrivent Action teams, or contact <u>Deacon Karen</u> about how you can use these funds to help Redeemer FIA projects!

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, August 8, 11am-1pm, for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact <u>Pastor Dan</u>.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, August 5, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss <u>To the Lighthouse</u>, by Virginia Woolf. Please contact <u>Linda Gonzales</u> with questions.

ONLINE GRACIOUS GRATITUDE

We all have things we are grateful for, but sometimes we forget to give thanks. Redeemer has an online forum to share that gratitude with others and lift us up when we're struggling to feel grateful. To join or learn more, contact <u>Deacon Karen</u>.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

Do you know of a member of our Redeemer community who would benefit from having a <u>Meal</u> <u>Train</u> 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 <u>office@redeemerparkridge.com</u> 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 <u>redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com</u>. (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.)

8:30AM WORSHIP STREAMING ON ZOOM

We're streaming our 8:30am Sunday worship services via Zoom so that those who aren't able to make it to Redeemer physically can still be a part of worship. Contact <u>office@redeemerparkridge.com</u> for Zoom information.