

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 07-31-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

### LAST SUNDAY

We were reminded that, as we use our Spirit-given gifts and abilities to build God's church, love should always be our driving force and highest goal.

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read over the Spiritual Gifts that Paul lists in [1 Corinthians 12:7-11](#).

Remembering that this list is not exhaustive, ask yourself the following questions:

- Which of these gifts stand out as something I'd like to learn more about?
- What gifts not on this list has God blessed me with?

In prayer, ask God's Spirit to bring clarity to how you can develop and use your gifts to build up God's church.

### THIS SUNDAY

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

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

### PASTOR DAN AWAY

Pastor Dan will be taking some much-deserved rest from July 31 to August 3. While he is away, feel free to reach out to [Deacon Karen](#) with any pastoral needs.

### SABBATICAL CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Join us for one service at 10:00am followed by lunch on Sunday, August 18 as we welcome Pastor Peter back from sabbatical and celebrate the ways in which our community worked together during his absence.

### LAST CHANCE! 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 only a few tickets left for the game, and these will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your tickets [online](#) 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 [office@redeemerparkridge.com](mailto:office@redeemerparkridge.com) 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 [Deacon Karen](#).

### **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 [form](#).

If neither date works for you, please contact [Pastor Dan](#) so he can arrange an alternate date.

### **SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Mark your calendars for our annual women's retreat the weekend of October 11-12. We will return to the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort for a sacred time of rest, relaxation, and reflection. Watch for more information in the weeks to come. Questions? Contact [Deacon Karen](#).

### **KAA BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

Our friends at Kids Above All are currently doing their Back-To-School Drive to provide school supplies for children in foster care. We will not collect items at Redeemer, but if you would like to contribute, check out their Amazon wish list [here](#). Questions? Contact [Deacon Karen](#).

### **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 ([alysenp@gmail.com](mailto:alysenp@gmail.com)). 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 volunteer only 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? 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 [this link](#) to find out more about Thrivent Action teams, or contact [Deacon Karen](#) about how you can use these funds for 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 [Pastor Dan](#).

### **REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: NO AUGUST MEETING**

Redeemer's book club will not meet in August. The next meeting is on September 9 at 6:30pm.

### **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 [Deacon Karen](#).

### **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.)

### **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 [office@redeemerparkridge.com](mailto:office@redeemerparkridge.com) for Zoom information.