

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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Check out what's happening in our community.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we asked the question of who can live in God's presence. God longs to live with human beings, and we were made to live with God. But how can we live together well? We read [two Bible passages](#) that explore the answer. To live together well with God, we seek purity of heart, consistent integrity, and deep concern for the vulnerable among us. And, with God's help, we can experience the true security that comes when our character is shaped in such a way that we reflect our Father's character.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Saving God, when we behold your glory, we stand in awe. Yet you invite us into your presence. You promise to walk with us. Cleanse our hearts, our minds, and our hands, that we might live securely as your children. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: FALL KICKOFF

Our annual Fall Kickoff is just around the corner! This is our time to gear up for another year of learning and service. We're kicking things off with one worship service at 10am. Right after worship, you'll get the scoop on all the ways you can grow and get involved, no matter your age. And of course, what's a kickoff without a picnic? We'll gather outside for a great meal and conversation. If you're able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Finally, if lending a hand sounds like your thing, we'd absolutely love your help with the day's events. Look in your inbox for the Needs Request email that was sent on August 29 to sign up to help. (We could especially use a few more people to help with cleanup.)

SIGN UP FOR FALL SMALL GROUPS

Our Fall Small Group term kicks off on September 15! 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, and sign up here](#).

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Our Kids Ministry Sunday School classes will begin on September 15. All kids between the ages of 2 and 11 (through fifth grade) are welcome! Kids will gather with their teachers from 9:45-10:45am for songs, games, lessons, crafts, and just plain fun, all while learning about Jesus! Register your child(ren) 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, 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.

YOUTH GROUP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Beginning Sunday, September 15, Redeemer's Youth Group will gather in the Staff Office on Sundays from 9:45-10:45am to play games, discuss life, and learn how to live like Jesus. In addition to focusing on our *own* growth, this year we'll be helping raise up *other* disciples by leading the Sunday School lesson for Redeemer's kids once a month. If you haven't participated before, this is the perfect time to get involved. Please contact [Pastor Dan](#) with any questions.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR PETER

Pastor Peter recently returned to work from a sabbatical leave. [Click here to read a letter](#) from him sharing his gratitude and a bit about his time away.

WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK COLLECTION AND DELIVERY UPDATES

We will be welcoming a refugee family of six from Burma who are arriving on September 17, and there are still a few items needed for our Welcome to America Pack in our joint collection with Messiah Lutheran Church. Click [here](#) to sign up. (Important note: Bedding, towel sets, and tableware should be purchased for a family of six.) Leave items in the Conference Room or have them shipped to the church parsonage (Redeemer Church, c/o Dan Quest, 818 S Clifton Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068) no later than Sunday, September 8. We can also use some help to deliver the welcome pack on September 17. If you would like to help with the delivery, or if you have any questions, please contact [Deacon Karen](#).

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 25 FOR OUR ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 11-12

[Click here to register for the 2024 Redeemer Women's Retreat](#), which will be October 11-12 (and those wanting a little extra time away are welcome to stay until Sunday, October 13). As usual, we'll hold the retreat at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois. This year, we'll be staying in a new area called La Verna. Our theme is *Rest: Living in Sabbath Simplicity*, based on a book by the same name by Keri Wyatt Kent.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, September 5, 11am-1pm, for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, September 9, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [First Son, by Keith Koeneman](#). Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) with questions.

MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9:30AM-12:00PM

Join other moms at our MomCo group at Redeemer. 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, [click here](#) or contact [Jade Schwich](#).

GROWING IN FAITH DIAKONIA CLASSES

Diakonia is a two-year program designed to help people grow in faith, get a better understanding of what it means to be Lutheran, and develop skills for lay leadership in the church. This is done through a series of six five-week classes, which meet on Saturday mornings from September through May. Participation can be in person at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Oak Park, or through Zoom. Participants may stop after the basic foundations year, or choose to continue on for faith and service electives in the second practical year. Classes start on September 14. Interested in learning more? 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 contact Alysen Terretta (alysenp@gmail.com). The tasks include organizing and refreshing building spaces, helping to plan catering, setting 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

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!

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 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.)

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 for Zoom information.