

Our Week as Redeemer Church

09-11-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

SIGN UP FOR FALL SMALL GROUPS

We're celebrating the start of our Fall discipleship season, and Small Groups are a great way to connect more fully with God and with one another. If you haven't signed up for a small group yet, [take a look at groups that will start meeting in the coming weeks, and sign up here](#).

LAST SUNDAY

We celebrated the kickoff of our fall discipleship season by looking at one of [Jesus' parables](#) and reflecting on the difference between *trying* (attempting to force results) and *training* (taking deliberate steps to make progress) in a life of faith.

START TRAINING

If you scrolled right past the small group sign up announcement and haven't already joined a group, [sign up now!](#)

THIS SUNDAY

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School for kids ages 2-11 in Meeting Room One (southwest corner 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

NEW MESSAGE SERIES ON FEAR AND COURAGE

We all experience fear, but it doesn't make us happy, and it rarely leads to better decisions. In fact, one of the main promises of the Christian life is that, because of who God is, we can live a life that isn't governed by fear. In our new message series, starting September 15, we'll be exploring various powerful fears and how God invites us to choose courage. This week, we look at the fear of not having enough.

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.

WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK DELIVERY: SEPTEMBER 17

We are welcoming a refugee family of six from Burma who are arriving on September 17, and we can use some help to deliver the welcome pack that evening. We will meet at Redeemer around 4pm to load up all the collected supplies, and then head to the apartment for setup. Or you can meet us at the apartment to help with setup at 5:30pm (location still TBD). Note: this timing will allow us to meet the refugee family! 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 2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 11-12

Only two rooms are left for the women's retreat, so if you are thinking of coming, please sign up quickly. [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). There is also an option to come just for the day on Saturday at a reduced cost. 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, OCTOBER 3

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, October 3, 11am-1pm, for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

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](#).

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, October 7, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [The Road, by Cormac McCarthy](#). Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) with 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.

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 redeemerprayerteam@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.