

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 10-09-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

### LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we continued our message series *Fear and Courage*. We asked the question: Who benefits from our fear? People who try to spread fear are often seeking the (apparent) security that comes from gaining power or profit, but that apparent security is so attractive precisely because they themselves are afraid. So we're called to respond to fear with love. We can do this by:

1. Refusing to participate in the culture of fear.
2. Taking people's underlying concerns seriously (even when we don't approve of how those concerns are articulated).
3. Modeling courageous living in community.

### 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

### A FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

The 2023-2024 fiscal year was a great year for our congregation. Our overall giving increased by 7.7% over the previous year, and we were able to beat our budgeted giving by \$1,500! We were also able to save on expenses through our decision to close Third Place Chicago. Finally, we fulfilled the commitment we made to our mission partners by giving away an additional \$423,886 of our Mission Investment Fund to support their faithful ministry efforts. Thank you for your continued commitment to grow in generosity that made all of this possible!

### 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](mailto: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.

### **LOVE LIKE JESUS: NILES/PARK RIDGE CROP WALK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

On Sunday, October 20, 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 [First United Methodist Church](#) in Park Ridge at 1:30pm on Sunday, October 20, and walk a few miles together. [Click here to register and/or to donate.](#) Questions? [Contact Dan Tornil.](#)

### **WALKING TOGETHER: ROOTEDNESS AT THE CROSSROADS EVENT: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

Walking Together is an interfaith women's group, honoring the connections between people of different faiths. Their fall event, *Rootedness at the Crossroads: Faith, Hope, and Love for All*, is being held on Sunday, October 20, from 3:15 to 5:15pm, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (205 N Prospect Ave, Park Ridge). The guest speaker is Dr. Marcia Hermansen, Professor of Theology and Islamic Studies at Loyola University Chicago. There is a suggested donation of \$15 to attend. To pre-register, email Jane Wagoner ([janemwagoner@gmail.com](mailto:janemwagoner@gmail.com)). Registrations will also be accepted at the door. Questions? Contact [Deacon Karen.](#)

### **MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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, NOVEMBER 4, 6:30PM**

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, November 4, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [The Giver of Stars, by Jojo Moyes.](#) Please contact Linda Gonzales ([cpd5137@yahoo.com](mailto:cpd5137@yahoo.com)) with questions.

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 7, 11am-1pm, for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan.](#)

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