

Our Week as Redeemer Church

11-20-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

BETTER TOGETHER

On Sunday, we continued our November message series, *Better Together*. Human difference combined with human sinfulness results in human resentment, conflict, and division. In his letter to Christians in the city of Ephesus, the apostle Paul described how the victory of Jesus on the cross broke down barriers between Jews and Gentiles—their hostility was killed—creating one new humanity out of the two.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

God of peace, you break down walls that divide us from one another, forming us into a united family. Give us eyes to see one another as siblings and co-heirs of your kingdom. Make us reconcilers and peacemakers by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, we'll be wrapping up our November message series, *Better Together*.

- 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

KIDS ABOVE ALL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

This year, we'll again be partnering with Kids Above All to make this a wonderful Christmas by buying gifts for 20 children in foster care. Look for the Needs Request in your email (sent November 20) to sign up. Suggested cost for gifts is \$50, but you can also share a sponsorship with someone if this is too expensive. Once you have selected a child to sponsor, detailed instructions will be sent to you with the child's wish list and packaging requirements. Please return all gifts to Redeemer on or before December 15.

CHURCH DECORATING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Stick around (or come back) after the 11am service on Sunday, December 8, to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for those able to help out.

INSIDE OUT NETWORK “COLOR ME YELLOW” CAMPAIGN

Our ministry partner Inside Out Network works to connect inmates preparing to leave incarceration with community service providers. They are currently raising funds to help make their platform more easily available to inmates in Illinois, Oregon, Mississippi, and Arizona. Through the end of the year, gifts to the “Color Me Yellow” mission campaign will be matched up to \$20,000. If you would like to support this important work, [please click here to donate](#). Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Everyone is invited to the Park Ridge Community Thanksgiving service, which will be held on Tuesday, November 26, at 7pm, at First United Methodist Church Park Ridge (418 W Touhy Ave).

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer’s book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, December 2, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We’ll discuss [Ethan Frome](#), by Edith Wharton. Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) with questions.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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](#).

BREEZEWAY CHANGES

A huge thank you to Carla Aukett and Rachel Quest for their work redesigning the Breezeway! We’re working with our contractor to resolve the issues with the new floor and expect it to be resolved soon. Finally, we’ve heard that we can expect the chair lift that will improve accessibility to our Gym to be installed before the end of the year. Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to enhance our spaces!

FAITH COMMUNITIES SURVEY

Redeemer has been invited to participate in a national study of worship participants. The study is being conducted by Faith Communities Today (FACT). Since 2000, FACT has conducted research that provides valuable information about the changing nature of congregational life. Everyone who participates in the Redeemer community and is 18 or older is encouraged to complete [the survey found at this link](#) by Friday, November 22. It should take between 12 and 15 minutes. Thank you for taking the time to participate!

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.

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.)

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.

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!

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.