

Our Week as Redeemer Church

11-27-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

BETTER TOGETHER

On Sunday, we concluded our November sermon series, *Better Together*. God empowers the church to be a visible representation of the love, forgiveness, and healing Jesus will bring to all creation. Therefore, as followers of Jesus, we are called to live as healers and reconcilers in a world filled with conflict and division.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Healing Father,

You sent your Son into this world to heal what is broken. So I ask you to heal the broken things in me and use me as your healing presence in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, we'll be kicking off our new message series, *Advent Conspiracy*.

- 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 Meeting Room One this week (southwest corner of the downstairs hallway)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION

On the first Sunday of each month we collect items for the Maine Township Food Pantry, which serves people in our community who are in need. The pantry's greatest needs are for the following non-food items (they receive food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository): soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, diapers, baby wipes, Depends, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, and household cleaning products. Please bring something to contribute if you are able to! Questions? Contact [Deacon Karen](#).

KIDS ABOVE ALL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE - MORE NAMES AVAILABLE SOON!

This year, we're again partnering with Kids Above All to make this a wonderful Christmas by buying gifts for children in foster care. We've already sponsored 20 children and will be adding more names soon. Look for the Needs Request in your email (sent November 20) to sign up (it will be updated when we receive more names from Kids Above All). 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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Let's celebrate the Christmas season together!

- Sunday, December 8, 12pm - Sanctuary Decorating (lunch provided)
- Sunday, December 22, 10am - Children's Christmas Program (one service)
- Sunday, December 22, 11am - Christmas Party Luncheon
- Tuesday, December 24, 10am - Christmas Eve Worship (traditional)
- Tuesday, December 24, 4pm - Christmas Eve Worship (contemporary)
- Wednesday, December 25 - No worship services
- Sunday, December 29, 10am - A Service of Readings & Carols (one service)

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](#).

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](#).

BUILDING UPDATES

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!

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.