

Our Week as Redeemer Church

12-18-2024

Check out what's happening in our community.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Last Sunday, we concluded our message series, *Advent Conspiracy*. So often, the love and grace we extend to others stops at the person we see in the mirror. The last tenet of the Advent Conspiracy, "Love All," includes a call for us to let God's love shape how we view ourselves.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Do you believe that God loves you and desires to be in a relationship with you? If you don't, what's standing in the way of your belief?
- How does God show relentless love to you?
- With whom is the Holy Spirit prompting you to share the love of Jesus through witness and service right now?

THIS SUNDAY: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This Sunday, December 22, we will have only one worship service, at 10am, which will include our annual Children's Christmas Program. Immediately following the service, all are invited to share a Christmas lunch in the Gym. Please see the Needs Request sent to your email on December 11 to sign up to bring a dessert to share or to help with cleanup. Kids who are a part of the Children's Christmas Program should arrive by 9am.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Let's celebrate the Christmas season together!

- 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) (Note for parents: We will not have childcare attendants for our 4pm worship service.)
- Wednesday, December 25 - No worship services
- Sunday, December 29, 10am - A Service of Readings & Carols (one service)

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.

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](#).

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7PM, AT ST LUKE’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

This Thursday, December 19, St Luke’s Lutheran Church (205 N Prospect Ave, Park Ridge) will be holding The Longest Night Service to celebrate the coming of the light into life’s darkest places. With songs, candles, and prayers, the service will acknowledge the complexities of life’s journey while celebrating light and hope that comes in the birth of Jesus.

STAFF TIME AWAY

Pastor Dan will be off Thursday, December 19, through Saturday, January 4. Deacon Karen will be away on Sunday, December 29.

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.)

MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 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, JANUARY 6, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer’s book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, January 6, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We’ll discuss [Killing Jesus: A History](#), by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard. Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) with questions.

NO SENIOR LUNCHEON IN JANUARY

We will not be meeting for Senior Luncheon in January. We’ll resume on Thursday, February 6, from 11am-1pm, in the Sanctuary.

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.