

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 01-08-2025

Check out what's happening in our community.

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Last Sunday, we began our new series on James by reflecting on how we handle difficulties. James challenges us to face trials with joy, trusting that God uses every moment to shape us and prepare us for what's next.

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Lord, in the face of trials, teach us to trust you and to meet every challenge with joy. Give us wisdom to navigate difficulties and faith to remain steady, knowing that you are unchanging and always at work in our lives. Amen.

### **THIS SUNDAY**

Join us as we continue our new message series, *Faith Works: The Letter of James*.

- 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

### **CHRISTMAS DE-DECORATING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

Please plan to stick around (or come back) after the 11am service this Sunday, January 12, to help take down our Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work, and we'll order lunch for everyone who's able to help out.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS (THERE'S STILL TIME!)**

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge for Redeemer's 2024-2025 stewardship campaign—your generosity is truly appreciated! Your generosity has amounted to almost \$222,000 in pledges toward our \$297,000 goal, and with over 40 households still to respond, there is no reason we can't close the gap. If you haven't yet pledged, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support Redeemer's mission in the coming year—every commitment makes a difference!

### **PREPARE AND SERVE PARK RIDGE SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER: JANUARY 19**

Sunday Night Suppers is a free community meal offered by Park Ridge churches and organizations. On January 19, we at Redeemer Church will be preparing and serving the meal. We'll do the food prep following the second service at Redeemer (12:15-3:00pm), and serve the meal in the afternoon at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church (3:15-5:15pm). Come be part of the team and show hospitality to our neighbors. Look for the Needs Request in your email (sent January 2), or add your name to one of the signup sheets on Sunday in the back of the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact the team leader, [Conni Brown](#).

### **MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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, FEBRUARY 3, 6:30PM**

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, February 3, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [Daddy's Girls, by Danielle Steel](#). Please contact Linda Gonzales ([cpd5137@yahoo.com](mailto:cpd5137@yahoo.com)) with questions.

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, February 6, 11am-1pm, for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a festive dessert to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

### **CONVERSATION LED BY EXODUS WORLD SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 7:00PM**

Our mission partner Exodus World Service will be leading a faith-based conversation on immigration, refugees, and asylum seekers on Wednesday, January 15, from 7:00-8:30pm, at St Mary's Episcopal Church (306 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge), and you're encouraged to participate. [To RSVP, click here.](#)

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.)

### **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.

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