

Our Week as Redeemer Church

01-29-2025

Check out what's happening in our community.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we continued our journey through the letter of James. In [James 2:1-13](#), James warned readers of his letter to avoid favoritism, that is, treating the wealthy as if they're more valuable than the poor. James put his finger on a human tendency that's so common that we often fail to even notice it—treating some people as if they matter more than others. James warned that to fall into this trap is to compromise the very heart of the good news of Jesus.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- In what ways might you accidentally consider some people more valuable than others? How can you retrain your mind to avoid doing this?
- If you truly believed that the most important thing in the world is doing (often small) acts with great love, how would that affect how you live day-to-day?

THIS SUNDAY

Join us as we continue our 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 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](#).

JOIN A WINTER DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Our winter discipleship term begins this February. Groups will meet on Wednesday nights, Thursday mornings, Sunday mornings, and Sunday afternoons, so you'll have lots of opportunities to participate. [Sign up for a group here](#) or in the back of the Sanctuary this Sunday!

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) 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](#).

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR OPPORTUNITY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Join us on Sunday, February 9, as we partner with Uncle Pete's Ministries to pack 250 sack lunches for those in need. There will be opportunities to help out at Redeemer between worship services and after the 11am service. You can also donate items to go in the lunches. For more information, contact Geri Balazs (geri@vivemassage.com), or see the Needs Request sent out by email on January 29.

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements of financial giving to Redeemer in 2024 were mailed out earlier this month. If you don't receive your statement in the mail or have any other questions, please email [Sara Trivedi](#).

WALKING TOGETHER: ROOTEDNESS AT THE CROSSROADS EVENT: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Walking Together is an interfaith women's group, honoring the connections between people of different faiths. Their next event, *Catch the Light*, is being held on Sunday, February 23, from 3:15 to 5:15pm, at First United Methodist Church, 418 W Touhy, in Park Ridge. The event will feature singer/songwriter Meg Thomas Cary, as well as selected readings on light. There is a suggested donation of \$15 to attend. To pre-register, email Jane Wagoner (janemwagoner@gmail.com). Registrations will also be accepted at the door. Questions? Contact [Deacon Karen](#).

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.