

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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Check out what's happening in our community.

LAST SUNDAY

In his letter to early followers of Jesus, James shared warnings about attitudes and behaviors that often lead individuals and communities astray. Last Sunday, we heard James' warnings about the dangers of wealth. Wealth, James warned, has the potential to make us arrogant (imagining that we have more control over the world and our own lives than we actually do) and unjust (treating those with less power unfairly because we think we can get away with it).

PRACTICING FAITH

Trusting in the Jesus way of life means using everything we have, including our financial resources, in ways that bless those around us. When it comes to wealth, it's important to (1) remember the limits of wealth and (2) remember the opportunities of wealth. What does this look like for you over the next week or two?

THIS SUNDAY

Join us as we wrap up 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 the Staff Office (door at southwest corner of the Gym)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: TONIGHT AT 7:30PM

We'll join together in the Sanctuary to mark the beginning of the church season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship on March 5, at 7:30pm. [Here is a link to connect via Zoom for those who are not able to make it to the church building tonight.](#)

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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

LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL & WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS STARTING MARCH 12, 6:00PM

On Wednesdays during the season of Lent, starting March 12, we will meet for a soup supper from 6-6:40pm in the Gym, followed by a short worship service from 7-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Sign up to bring soup, salad, or bread via the Needs Request email sent February 18, or use the signup sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or would like to learn how to do either of these, come join a new knitting circle that will be starting on either March 18 or 20. The group will meet monthly on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening, depending on which date works best for the group. If you are interested or have any questions, call or text Cristie Rubeo at 847-868-6463.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: WORK DAY AT PARK RIDGE PLACE

Show your love for some future neighbors at the soon-to-be-opened Park Ridge Place, a group home for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities, located at the former parsonage of Messiah Lutheran Church. Pastor Aneel is hoping for up to 25 volunteers to help with cleaning, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and more from 2-4pm on Saturday, March 15. Children five years old and older are welcome to help with adult supervision. Each person should bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. If you are willing to join in the fun, [please sign up here](#).

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: DIAPER COLLECTION

Our friends at Uncle Pete's Ministry have informed us that two of their mission partners on the West Side of Chicago, Marillac House and Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, are in desperate need of size 4 and 5 diapers for the families they serve. If you would like to help meet this need, you can drop off diapers in the sizes indicated at Redeemer throughout the month of March, or you can order them through their Amazon wish list [here](#). Questions? [Contact Geri Balazs](#).

MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 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, APRIL 7, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, April 7, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [The Diary of a Young Girl, by Anne Frank](#). Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) with questions.

PARENTING WORKSHOP: FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 6:30-8:30PM

Parenting spirited children—who feel deeply, express big emotions, and engage in power struggles—can be both rewarding and challenging. Licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Lauren Shaw will be at South Park Church (1330 S Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge) on March 14 presenting insights and strategies for raising spirited children. She'll explore their intense emotions and why they occur, and provide practical techniques to foster a positive, nurturing environment. Gain valuable tools to manage power struggles, support emotional development, and strengthen family relationships. [Register for free here](#).

SYNOD LAY LEADERSHIP DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 29

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be hosting a leadership event for lay (that is, not clergy) leaders on Saturday, March 29, from 9am to 1:30pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Schaumburg. The cost is \$10 per person. [Click here and scroll to \(almost\) the bottom of the page for more information or to register.](#)

EXODUS CELEBRATION OF HOPE GALA: APRIL 3

Join Exodus World Service for their annual benefit on the evening of April 3 to learn how the Christian community is continuing to show hospitality to our newest neighbors, even as the short-term future of refugee resettlement in the U.S. is uncertain. You'll be inspired by stories from courageous refugees and learn how your partnership plays a vital role in connecting volunteers and refugees in mutually beneficial friendships. There is no cost to register for the event, but donations to support their efforts are welcome at the event. Register by March 16 for the Celebration of Hope at exodusworldservice.org. When registering, please list Karen Katamay as host to be seated with other friends from Redeemer. 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 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 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.