

Our Week as Redeemer Church

04-09-2025

Check out what's happening in our community.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we wrapped up our sermon series on the greatness of God. As Jesus began his journey to Jerusalem—where he knew he would be betrayed—he sent messengers ahead of him to prepare for his stay in a Samaritan village. But neither he nor his friends were welcome among the Samaritans because the Samaritans knew he was headed for a Jewish festival in Jerusalem, and the enmity between Jews and Samaritans ran deep. We talked about how easy it is to miss out on what God is doing right in front of our eyes, especially when we're overly sure of our own vision of good and bad.

OPEN EYES

To see what God is doing, there are two key things we need to remember:

- (1) Our family job is to win people over, never to defeat or destroy them.
- (2) Our family job is to be won over, to be open to being changed when we need to be changed.

THIS SUNDAY

Join us as we remember Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem this Palm Sunday.

- 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

JOIN THE BEING CHALLENGE

Redeemer is taking on the *Being Challenge*—a 40-day pursuit of the habits that shaped Jesus' life. Starting Sunday, April 27, we'll begin focusing on five key habits: committing to community, studying Scripture, prioritizing prayer, seeking solitude, and choosing church. Through daily reflections, the Sunday messages, and discussion opportunities on Sunday mornings, we'll grow in faith individually and become stronger as a community. So be sure to grab your copy of the book from the back of the Sanctuary this Sunday.

HELP US CELEBRATE EASTER TOGETHER

Let's work together to make our April 20 Easter breakfast a truly hospitable celebration. Sign up to help out [by clicking here](#), or on the signup sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. You can help by making a homemade breakfast casserole, setting out food, or cleaning up afterwards. (Details are on the signup link/sheet.)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Let's worship together as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection:

- **Sunday, April 13** - Palm Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 11:00am
- **Thursday, April 17** - Maundy Thursday Worship at [Messiah Lutheran Church](#) (1605 Vernon Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068), 7:00pm
- **Friday, April 18** - Good Friday Dinner and Worship, 5:30pm Dinner / 6:30pm Worship
- **Sunday, April 20** - Easter Sunday Celebration, 8:30 & 11:00am Worship / 9:45am Breakfast & Egg Hunt

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.

FINAL LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL & WORSHIP: THIS EVENING

Each Wednesday during the season of Lent, we've been meeting for a soup supper from 6:00-6:40pm in the Gym, followed by a short worship service from 7:00-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. This evening is our final opportunity this year, so please come and join even if you can only stay for part of the evening.

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 meeting in the Conference Room on the third Tuesday of every month, with the next meeting on April 15. If you are interested or have any questions, call or text Cristie Rubeo at 847-868-6463.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, MAY 1

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

MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 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, MAY 5, 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 [Counting Miracles, by Nicholas Sparks](#). Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) with questions.

BLOOD DRIVE: SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Help save lives! Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion in our country, and the blood shortage is critical. St Paul of the Cross Church is hosting a blood drive in association with Vitalant on Sunday, April 13, from 8am-2pm. The drive will be held at the Morello Parish Life Center at 320 S Washington in Park Ridge (behind the church). Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted. Contact the Blood Drive Coordinator, Christine Perille (847-494-5150), with any questions or to schedule your appointment.

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: APRIL 18 AT NOON

A community Good Friday worship service at St Luke's Lutheran Church (205 N Prospect Ave in Park Ridge) at noon on April 18 will feature the [Montag Ensemble playing Franz Joseph Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Christ*](#), with brief reflections from members of the Park Ridge Ministerial Association.

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.