

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 01-07-2026

Check out what's happening in our community. Scroll down to find contact info for our ministry staff and elected leaders.

### LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday, we kicked off our new message series, *Abundant Simplicity*, based on the book by Jan Johnson. We looked at Jesus' words in Matthew 11 and John 7, which are an invitation to a way of life that's both abundant and restful. We also looked at a short section of Paul's letter to Christians in Rome, in which Paul reminds those reading that living the good life will often require living counterculturally and experiencing transformation by the renewing of our minds.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Where does life feel unnecessarily complicated or hectic or overscheduled or burdening? What options might God be inviting you to consider that could move you toward simplicity, toward a more abundant life?

### THIS SUNDAY

Join us as we continue our January sermon series, *Abundant Simplicity*.

- 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 will meet in the church Kitchen (located through the Gym) to help prepare dessert for the Sunday Night Supper Ministry
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

### PREPARE AND SERVE PARK RIDGE SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER: JANUARY 11

Sunday Night Suppers is a free community meal supported by Park Ridge churches and organizations. This Sunday, volunteers will be preparing and serving the meal, with food prep taking place in Redeemer's kitchen after the second service from 12:15–3:00pm, followed by serving at First United Methodist Church in Park Ridge from 3:15–5:15pm. If you haven't signed up but would like to help, contact Pastor Dan.

### HELP US KEEP COFFEE HOUR WARM AND INVITING!

We're looking for folks to sign up to host coffee hour on upcoming Sundays. You can add your name using the link in the Needs Request sent out by email on January 7, or by signing up on the sheet at the name tag station at church. Each year we budget for food after worship, so if

you'd like to host, just sign up and turn in your receipts for reimbursement. It's a great way to help our community connect!

#### **KNITTING CIRCLE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 6:30PM**

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or would like to learn how to do either of these, come join Redeemer's knitting circle, which meets monthly in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be on January 20, from 6:30-8:30pm. If you are interested or have any questions, call or text Cristie Rubeo at 847-868-6463.

#### **SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, February 5, 11am-1pm, for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

#### **LOVE LIKE JESUS: DONATE OLD LAPTOPS**

Our partner Exodus World Service is collecting used (even broken) or discontinued laptops (any operating system, with or without cables). Exodus will refurbish the laptops and give them to refugee kids. Please bring any laptops you no longer need to Redeemer (and let one of the pastors know), and Exodus will pick them up from the church.

#### **SHARE & UPDATE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH OUR 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](mailto: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.)

#### **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, recently 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 Pastor Dan about how you can use these funds to put your faith into action!

#### **8:30AM WORSHIP STREAMING ON ZOOM**

We stream 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 the office on how to connect to Zoom.