

Redeemer Life

July 2025



This summer the women of Redeemer met every Tuesday for 6 weeks in order to grow in wisdom and Biblical understanding of several relevant topics in our post-Christian culture. It was an encouraging time of lively discussions and Biblical applications. In our first session, we talked about what it looks like to engage with those around us, especially those with differing worldviews. Often with this topic, LGBTQ+ worldviews come up as a barrier for engagement with others, so we navigated Biblical ways to speak the truth in love. Our second study delved into the heated topic of news and social media and how to intentionally stay informed without succumbing to the anxiety it can provoke. Third, the conversation centered on creation care—our distinct perspective as

Christians that frames our care for the earth. For our fourth meeting, we took a deep dive into Scripture to discover the meaning of the Sabbath/the Lord's Day. In addition, we considered Biblical womanhood and how that differs from our culture's ideas of feminism. And last, we concluded our studies with evangelism, a perfect way to wrap up the series. The goal for these sessions was to provide a space for rich, fruitful conversations that serve to cultivate our faith and guide us as we encounter friends, neighbors, and co-workers in a world that is increasingly hostile to Christians. Thank you to all the women who participated as facilitators as well as attendees. We, as the Women's Ministry Team, enjoyed our time with you!



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Spotlight: TASC 2025 – Sanborn, IA

After a brief 11-hour drive, Evan Bass, Darren Bras, Leonor Hargous, Matilde Hargous, and Brad Way arrived safely in Sanborn, Iowa!

As you can see, our days have been filled with work and fun! Your students have been a part of various work projects, ranging from roofing, siding, decking, and much more. Additionally, TASCers have been involved in numerous activities including a talent show!



Pastor Elijah Anderson of Cornerstone URC is leading all of the teens at TASC through a nightly devotional related to the topic of "How then shall we live?" from Colossians chapter 3. The sessions, along with the nightly prayer groups that follow, have been a blessing for each of our students as they consider what it means to know and live for Christ.



Thank you for your prayers, and make sure to ask those who attended about their TASC experience!



Announcements

The Lord's Supper

Will be celebrated during the morning worship service on Sunday, July 6, 2025. Prepare your hearts as we gather at the Lord's table. All items served are gluten free.

Session Meeting

The Session is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Redeemer Food and Fellowship Dinner

We will be having our Praise Service and Food and Fellowship Dinner on July 20, 2025. Married couples are asked to bring a main entrée and a side, others please bring a salad, side, or dessert.

If you are over 65 – bring whatever you want! Beverages will be provided.

Redeemer Open House

The next Redeemer Open House will be on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 12:00 pm–3:00 pm at the home of Chris and Lisa Thompson. Visitors, new members, and guests are especially welcome and can sign up at any time as space permits. Current members are encouraged to sign up at least a week in advance. Sign up options will be sent out soon. Join us for a great time of fellowship and lunch!

Three Opportunities for Prayer

- 1.) Redeemer Church has Spurgeon's version of the boiler room prayer meeting in Pastor Jeff's office every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
- 2.) An Elder of Redeemer Church is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary near the ramp. Prayer requests could cover healing, wisdom, salvation for a dear friend or any situation or challenge that you need the Lord's help with. We are a praying church, and this is just one more way we can demonstrate our faith and reliance on our precious Lord. Any questions, please contact Kirk Harmon, harmonk3@comcast.net.
- 3.) Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for prayer in the Conference Room Every Wednesday. If you have questions regarding the prayer meeting, feel free to contact Kirk Harmon at 616-897-0654 or harmonk3@comcast.net.

Women's Prayer Team

The Women's Prayer Team is available to pray with any woman at any time by request. We invite you to contact one of our members: Sharon Dykstra – Janet Schamp – Josi Stevens – Cobie Tenbrink



VBS Celebration Night!

July 10, 2025

Redeemer Open House

July 27, 2025



Redeemer Mission Focus

Redeemer OPC is participating in a Christian content paperback book drive for Reach the Forgotten. The books become part of the book cart program. Direct specific questions about the book cart program with Reach the Forgotten to Wendy Palmer as she serves at the jail weekly in that capacity. Please note that the books should be of CHRISTIAN CONTENT and PAPERBACK.



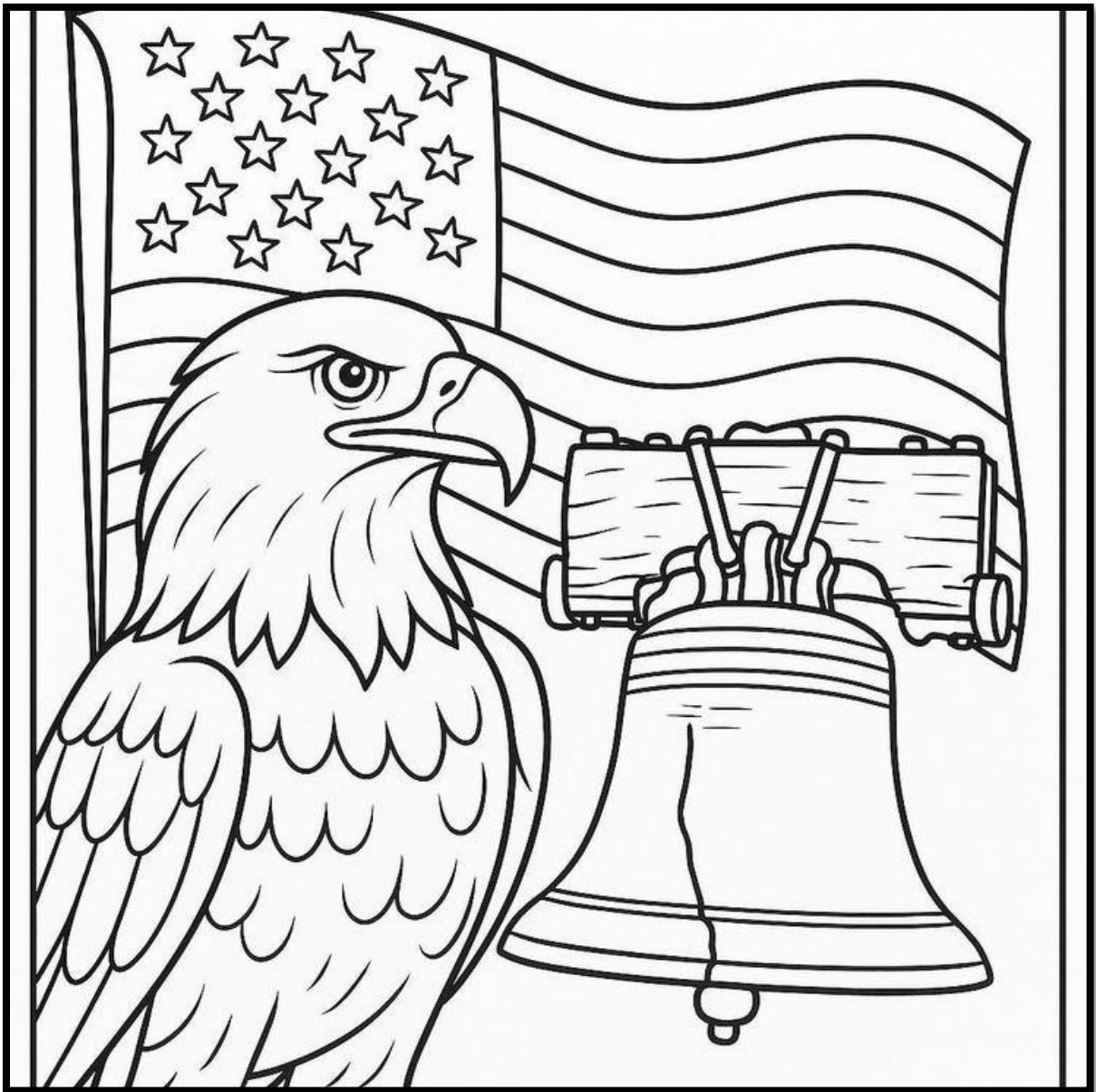
**REACH THE
FORGOTTEN**
JAIL MINISTRY

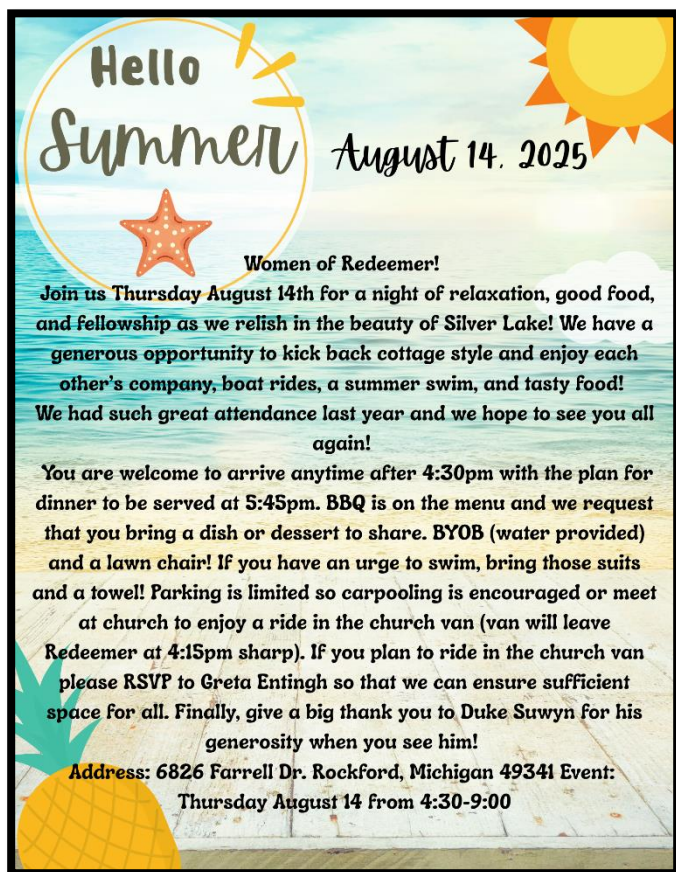


There are many different ways to serve inmates in your local jail. We need men and women to lead worship services, facilitate Bible studies, mentor inmates, assist with addiction classes, operate our book cart ministry, and teach in our GRO Pods. Each jail has different needs and we would love to get you connected today.

Kids 5 years old–5th Grade – Find a hiding Statue of Liberty and complete the Scripture below to win a prize!

**Blessed is the _____ whose _____ is
the _____, the _____ whom _____
has chosen as his _____!**
Psalms 33: 12





Hello Summer August 14, 2025

Women of Redeemer!

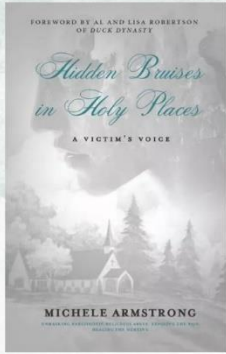
Join us Thursday August 14th for a night of relaxation, good food, and fellowship as we relish in the beauty of Silver Lake! We have a generous opportunity to kick back cottage style and enjoy each other's company, boat rides, a summer swim, and tasty food! We had such great attendance last year and we hope to see you all again!

You are welcome to arrive anytime after 4:30pm with the plan for dinner to be served at 5:45pm. BBQ is on the menu and we request that you bring a dish or dessert to share. BYOB (water provided) and a lawn chair! If you have an urge to swim, bring those suits and a towel! Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged or meet at church to enjoy a ride in the church van (van will leave Redeemer at 4:15pm sharp). If you plan to ride in the church van please RSVP to Greta Entingh so that we can ensure sufficient space for all. Finally, give a big thank you to Duke Suwyn for his generosity when you see him!

Address: 6826 Farrell Dr. Rockford, Michigan 49341 Event: Thursday August 14 from 4:30-9:00

Women's Ministry Upcoming Events



In preparation for our upcoming event on October 18th, Redeemer's Domestic Abuse Care Team invites Men and Women (high school age and up) to attend a book discussion of:



Hidden Bruises in Holy Places


When: August 25
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Where: Redeemer OPC Youth Room

Use the QR code to purchase the book, or talk with any member of the Domestic Abuse Care Team for assistance purchasing.

MICHELLE ARMSTRONG-HOWARD

Christian Education Assistance Fund 2nd Annual Golf Outing!




Redeemer OPC

**2ND ANNUAL
GOLF OUTING**

Supporting the Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

SAVE THE DATE!

August 23, 2025
Boulder Creek Golf Club



Questions about sponsorships?
ropcgolfouting@gmail.com



Middle School Youth Group - *Summer 2025* *Schedule*

High School Youth Group - *Summer 2025* *Schedule*





Car Wash = \$1,200!!
Thank you!!

**Young Adults
 Fellowship
 July & August
 Meeting Dates**

Young Adult Fellowship

July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24

**Following evening
 service @ the
 Home of the Bras'**


12701 McPherson St NE
Lowell, MI 49331

**See Micah or Paige DeBoer
 for directions or questions.**

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REDEEMER
OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

From the Session

Dear Redeemer Family,

Session held its stated monthly meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 10, at Redeemer OPC. Just like May, we started off with a pair of new member interviews. I realize I've written this a lot over the last year, but hearing the testimony of members and the way God has worked in their lives is always a joy.



Next up, we had a visit from the Facility Expansion Committee. There will be more information shared on this shortly, suffice to say the proposal was exciting both in terms of space added as well as cost. Our hearty thanks to the many who have worked diligently on a large and difficult project. There were four separate motions made and passed regarding this, each with a healthy amount of discussion to weigh the pros and cons.

Finally, we ended with a review of the upcoming candidate weekend. (I say upcoming as I write this on June 14 – it will be in your past.) There were several logistical pieces that needed to be worked out, as well as plans for after the visit has concluded. It's an exciting time at Redeemer, God's always at work but sometimes the work is a little more visible, and regardless of how these projects go, we know we can trust Him to work all things for our good and His glory!

Attendance figures for May are currently unavailable. We expect to have numbers again for June.

On behalf of session,

Mark Jurries, clerk

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

DailyVerses.net



REDEEMER CHURCH – NEW MEMBERS

June 29, 2025

Paige DeBoer:

I was born and raised in Rockford, MI. I was not raised in the church, but I came to faith during college and committed my life to Christ in January of 2023. I am a nursing student at GVSU and am involved with their campus ministry, which is how I met my husband, Micah. I am lucky enough that my father-in-law is Pastor Jeff but the incredible and sound teachings he brings made it so we never had any doubt as to what our home church would be. The Redeemer family has already been so welcoming to us, and we are thankful to call this community our home.



Maddie Oostema:

I grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan where I attended high school at NorthPointe Christian. I graduated in May, and plan to attend Calvin University to pursue a BA-MA degree in Speech Language Pathology. My grandparents joined this church a couple of years ago and invited us to some of the services. Since then, my family has been attending Redeemer. I started my personal relationship with my Creator when I was in my sophomore year of high school. Recently, God has put a desire in my heart to learn more about Him and His Word, and I thought making my profession of faith would be the best next step in this journey. I am excited to learn more alongside this community of believers!

Abigail Wright

I was born in Michigan and grew up in a loving Christian home. As early as I can remember I've had some understanding that Jesus was my Lord and Savior. I own and run an online needlepoint business and quilt paint and cook in my spare time. I attended Redeemer from 2012 until I moved away in 2019. I started dating my husband Nate in 2023 and moved back to Grand Rapids (and Redeemer) got married last October and we're now expecting our first baby in December.



Phil Matuk

I was born in Grand Rapids, MI. I began attending church at age 3. I came to faith 18 years ago through the ministry of a pastor. Life has been so much better ever since I trusted in the Lord and followed Him. I am glad to have Redeemer come along me to help me grow in the Lord. I enjoyed my work as a plumber for 64 years. I am a veteran, having served in the US Army and the Reserves. I am thankful for the freedom we have in this country to worship the Lord. My one son lives in Tennessee and my daughter passed away 6 years ago.

Redeemer Food Pantry

Matthew 25:35-40

35 For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



In June, we were blessed with a beautiful morning to serve our community through the Redeemer Food Pantry Outreach! We were able to provide each of the 20 families with an array of staple food items, toilet paper, ground beef or chicken, milk, bread, eggs, potatoes, carrots, and onions. Most importantly we were able to extend the love of Christ and welcome them into our church with fellowship and prayer. We had a couple of new families attend and were eager to welcome them. Building relationships is a large part of the ministry of food pantry as we want to draw attendees into a relationship with Jesus, the only one who can truly meet their needs!

Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of meeting the ONGOING needs in our community. The food focus for July is BEANS- any type of canned bean would be a great blessing to our shelves. Baked Beans, Black Beans, Chili Beans, Garbanzo Beans, really any kind of beans! Perishable items like milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables, meat, bread and cheese are also VERY welcome in the few days before the 12th of July. Please make sure perishable items are marked "food pantry" and placed in the fridge or freezer in the church kitchen. You can always check in with the Hill's as the 12th gets closer to find out what items are missing or most needed. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in serving! Thank you for enabling Redeemer to continue helping an even greater number of families with critical needs and giving to them in Jesus name. Please consider dropping donations off at the Church THIS week or coordinating with the Hill's for pick-up or drop off of perishable items. Helpers are also needed to serve from 9:00-11:30 Saturday July 12th to set up, serve, and clean up. You will surely be blessed by serving through this outreach in Jesus name.

Please call Steve Hill for more information. (616) 286-2419.

Redeemer Library

God Is God & You Are You by Thomas Davis

Does Jesus' command to be his witnesses (Acts 1:8) seem like an impossible task for you to do? Do you fear offending people with your attempts to do so? Maybe you think you don't have the gifts for evangelism, so it would be better if someone else did it.

Every Christian is being a witness from the moment of conversion on through their actions and conversations. At times it is more evident than others but just living out the Christian faith testifies to God's work in you. And God has made you the way you are, placed you where you are, and put the people that are in the places you go for a reason.

Davis gives so much encouragement on ways to think about God, the Gospel, grace, eternity, yourself, people, and the church family that will help you see being a witness for Jesus as an exciting, very possible privilege for every Christian. He even includes a way to look at the problem of evil as an argument for the need and the brilliance of the Gospel. He reminds us not to see people not as projects or hopeless cases, but as precious creations of God whom he may call to be a part of his family just like you are.

This might be a good book to read as you prepare for VBS, where many children and their parents may be hearing the good news for the first time, to give a perspective on how God might be using you in the way he made you to bring people into his family.

Reviewed by Carol Chupp



Servant Schedule

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

¹² There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body...²⁷ You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

Preaching Schedule

July 6

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

July 13

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

July 20

AM: Rev. Doug Felch

PM: Rev. Doug Felch

July 27

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Dale Van Dyke

Mission Prayer Schedule

July 6

OPC Home Missions

Prayer Leader: Brian Bangma

July 13

Purposeful Pathways

Prayer Leader: Alec DeLange

July 20

Westminster Seminary

Prayer Leader: Jon Byker

July 27

Alpha Women's Center Lowell

Prayer Leader: Shane Hansen

Greeter Schedule

July 6

AM: Jon & Melissa Nelson

PM: Jeff & Pam Rosendall

July 13

AM: Dan & Katie Newberg

PM: Ben & Brianna Noorman

July 20

AM: Jon & Rachael O'Brock

PM: Adam & Angela Oostema

July 27

AM: Jack & Gloria Oostema

PM: Brad & Jori Orr

July:
Elder On Call
Mark Jurries

Deacon of the Month
Tim Wright
Andy Thornton



Happy Birthday to You!!

Linda	Van Otteren	July 02
Taylor	Miedema	July 04
Charles	Roodvoets	July 05
Clive	Amtsbuechler	July 08
Phoebe	Boersma	July 09
Katie	Verwys	July 09
Alistair	Bredeweg	July 10
Mitchell	Herweyer	July 11
Madison	Suwyn	July 12
Clara	Nelson	July 13
Karen	Fife	July 15
Thomas	Segal	July 17
Andrew	Timmerman	July 17
Aimee	Cronk	July 20
Lucille	Huizinga	July 21
Gloria	Davis	July 22
Mackenzie	VanderJagt	July 22
Khloe	VanderJagt	July 22
Ann	Hansen	July 23
Evelyn	Schaafsma	July 24
Linda	VandenToorn	July 24
Bradley	Orr	July 26
Lydia	Person	July 26
Diane	Stockreef	July 26
Jonathan	Byker	July 28
Steve	Hill	July 28
Joel	Miedema	July 28
Jon	OBrock	July 28
Jeff	Davis	July 30
Arjen	den Boer	July 30
Adam	Meyerdirk	July 30
Sandy	Davison	July 31

