

Redeemer Life



NOVEMBER 2024

DEAR REDEEMER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

THE OFFICERS OF REDEEMER INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR NEXT TOWN HALL GATHERING AFTER WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 3RD. THIS GATHERING CONSISTS OF A SHARED MEAL FOLLOWED BY LARGE GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONVERSATION. WE WILL NOT HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL THAT DAY, SO THE MEAL SHOULD BEGIN ABOUT 11:15AM.

WE BEGAN THESE SEMI-ANNUAL GATHERINGS LAST YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AND AMONG THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH. THE SPRING TOWN HALL GATHERING IS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO BUDGET ISSUES AND THE FALL GATHERING ADDRESSES CURRENT AND LONGER-RANGE TOPICS OF ACTIVE INTEREST.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR THE MEAL FEATURING HAM AND TASTY SIDES PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH. WE INVITE YOU TO SWEETEN THE DEAL BY SHARING DESSERTS IF YOU WISH AND ARE ABLE - PIE, CAKE, COOKIES OR WHATEVER IS EASILY SERVED TO A COUPLE HUNDRED OF YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS!

AS WE FINISH EATING, LEADERS WILL SHARE INFORMATION THAT WE BELIEVE YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN. THE ELDERS WILL GIVE A BRIEF REPORT ABOUT OUR ANNUAL RETREAT, HELD SATURDAY, OCT 12. AN INTERIM REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE IS PART OF OUR AGENDA. AND WE'LL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE OFFICER NOMINATION PROCESS AND TIMING.

WE WANT TO LEAVE TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM YOU! THESE CAN BE BROUGHT FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE MEETING, BUT IT IS BETTER IF YOU CAN WRITE OUT YOUR QUESTION AND SUBMIT IT AHEAD OF TIME. PAPER FORMS FOR THE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS WILL BE AT THE WELCOME CENTER AND ON HIGH TOP TABLES IN THE NARTHEX WITH A BASKET FOR SUBMISSION. YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL QUESTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE WILL TRY TO ANSWER AS MANY AS WE CAN DURING THE MEETING. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE NATURE OF THE QUESTION SHOULD BE OF RELEVANCE TO MOST MEMBERS.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND LOOK FOR YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT RECIPES. WE'LL SEE YOU ON NOV 3RD!

GLADLY,

YOUR ELDERS AND DEACONS

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Spotlight

“Thanks” + “Giving” Missions Challenge



The Redeemer Mission Ministry is offering an annual LIFE Group Challenge for the month of November! Here is the Challenge: Come together and find a way to make a difference this Thanksgiving by appreciating and giving to those in our community who need the love and grace of Christ! So, round up your LIFE Group, roll up your sleeves and find a way to plug in and give back to our community through this “Thanks” + “Giving” Challenge! Not part of a LIFE Group? Don't let that stop you! Join individually or find someone to join you. We have listed some suggestions of local Redeemer supported mission groups who are eagerly awaiting a LIFE Group to come and serve for a few hours! We encourage you to have someone from your LIFE Group set up a time to serve directly. However, we are eager to help you get connected to a specific opportunity if you need additional assistance, please call Carrie Hill at 616-260-4282.

Another wonderful option and way to be part of this "Thanks" + "Giving" challenge would be to write letters or encouraging cards to our Redeemer supported missionaries! Pictures of your life group, drawings/cards made by the children, or whatever way you find to say "Thank you!" would be a delightful blessing for our missionaries to receive as Christmas approaches. Let's come together and encourage those on the mission field serving as they go out daily with the Gospel of Christ many miles from the comforts of home.

Are you up to the “Thanks” + “Giving” Challenge? Once completed, please send a picture of your LIFE Group serving together to carrieme2@gmail.com and the Redeemer Mission Ministry will deliver a dessert to your December LIFE Group meeting! We look forward to seeing how each LIFE Group can meet this challenge and bless our community and missionaries!

Alpha Women's Center in Lowell-616-987-9533

Exalta Health in Grand Rapids- 616-475-8475

Frontline Street Ministry in Grand Rapids - Stephen- 616-466-8914

Potters House in Grand Rapids- Linda 616-241-5202

Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids- Natasha - 616-259-1517

Purposeful Pathways in Ada/Haiti- 847-340-7614

Reach the Forgotten in Grand Rapids-Sara 616-304-4577

Redeemer Mercy Deacons -Brian 616-481-8857

Redeemer Building Deacons -Adam 616-648-2445

Redeemer Food Pantry- Steve 616-286-2419

Sus Manos Gleaners in Jenison-616-260-4282

Words of Hope in Grand Rapids-616-459-6181

Suggested Missionaries to Send a Word of Encouragement

The Missions Ministry will have a table set up after the morning service, by the Mission Wall, on November 10th with cards and information provided! So please stop by and find out more. Letters and cards (or even a picture of your life group!) can be dropped off in the "Missions Cards Box" in the church office so we can send encouragement bundles together and bless our missionaries! Much more information on each missionary can be found on the Mission Wall display in the Fellowship Area breezeway or reach out and we will get you connected!)

Colin and Carla Wilson serving in Haiti

Eric and Stacey Hoeksema Family serving in Ukraine and surrounding countries

Michael and Nina Schaafsma Family
serving in Italy

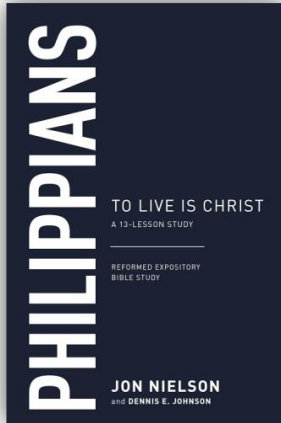
Miriam and son, Evan Grady serving in
Praha, Czech Republic

Zach Francois serving in Haiti

Caleb Nelson serving with Proclaim
Aviation/Jarrs (soon to be in Papua New
Guinea)



FALL 2024 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES



Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study - meets every Wednesday from 9:15 to 11 a.m. in the church youth room beginning September 11.

This fall will be seeking to know Christ better by exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians together. We will be using the study guide *Philippians: To Live is Christ* by Jon Nielson.

No childcare is available for this study. If you have any questions about this, please contact Carol Chupp at caroljean135@gmail.com.

The Wednesday MORNING registration form can be found at <https://ropc.breezechms.com/form/philippiansWMWBS>

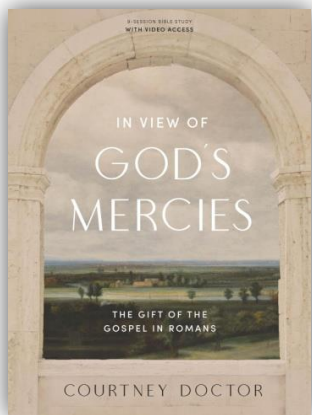


Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study – begins September 11 and will meet twice a month in the youth room on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We will be studying *Behold and Believe: A Bible Study on the "I Am" Statements of Jesus* by Courtney Doctor & Joanna Kimbrel.

If you would like more information about this group, please contact Karen Faber, faberkk@yahoo.com or Greta Entingh, gretaentingh@gmail.com

The Wednesday EVENING registration form can be found at: <https://ropc.breezechms.com/form/wedevening2024>



Thursday Morning GROW Groups – meet every Thursday, beginning September 19, from 9:15 to 11 a.m., starting in the church youth room.

This fall our groups will be looking closely at Romans through the study of *In View of God's Mercies* by Courtney Doctor.

Nursery is provided for children ages 0-2 and a Little Lambs program is provided for children age 3 through Kindergarten. Registration is now open; however, you can join at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Hill carrieme2@gmail.com.

The Thursday GROW Group registration form can be found at <https://ropc.breezechms.com/form/Grow2024romans>



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Time: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM

Duration: 13-week study

Study Material: Galatians: The Gospel of Free Grace
(Reformed Expository Bible Studies) by Jon Nielson

Location: Provisio Retirement Partners office (3790 30th St
SW, Grandville, MI 49418)



Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

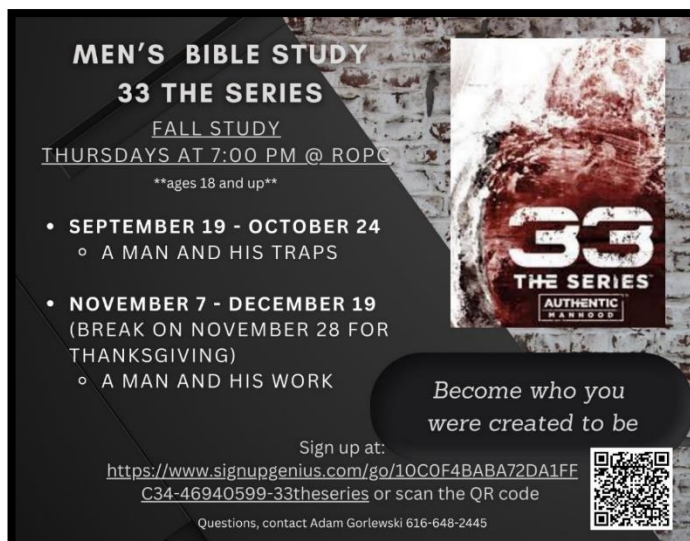
You are invited to our 2024-2025 Men's Bible Study season. This year we will be journeying through the book of Romans. This book is pivotal to the foundations of the Church of Jesus Christ. Because of time allotted, we will just be hitting the highlights, or 'Survey' the book of Romans. We will be meeting every Thursday morning @ 6:30am, starting Sept.19, at the Gathering Place, a Restaurant at the corner of Thornapple River Rd se and Cascade Rd se. The restaurant has a breakfast special which helps to keep the cost low. We finish up at 7:30am to allow for job responsibilities.

We would enjoy your presence and fellowship. Please pray if God is calling you to attend.

If you have any questions, please call or text Steve Hill 616-286-2419 or shtroubleelectric@gmail.com.

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study

The Men's Thursday evening Bible study will be at 7:00 pm from September 19-December 19 with a break on November 28 for Thanksgiving. Please see or text Adam Gorlewski for full details and to sign up – adamgorlewski33@gmail.com.



Announcements

The Lord's Supper

Will be celebrated during the evening worship service on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Prepare your hearts as we gather at the Lord's table. All items served are gluten free.

Redeemer Open House

The next Redeemer Open House will be November 10, 2024, from 12:00 pm–3:00 pm at the home of Phil and Marissa Hansen. 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. All who wish to attend – please see Phil or Marissa in person – or see the bulletin board for Sign Up Genius. Join us for a great time of fellowship and lunch!

Session Meeting

The Session is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

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 6:30 p.m. Please join us for prayer in the Conference Room Every Wednesday. You can also join by using the following ZOOM link: <https://tinyurl.com/ROPCPrayer>. If you have questions regarding the prayer meeting, feel free to contact Kirk Harmon at 616-897-0654 or harmonk3@comcast.net.

Inquirer's Class

If you are interested in more information about or joining Redeemer, Elder Dick Schamp will be hosting an Inquirer class on the following dates during the Sunday School time: November 10 and 17.

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 – Jess Helmus – Cobie Tenbrink

3rd Sunday Praise Service and Redeemer Food and Fellowship Dinner

We will not have these 2 events for the month of November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Luke 24 Journey Training #3

The Luke 24 Journey...into the Care Center!

We will be sending a team of volunteers into a local, nursing care facility to do friendship visits and provide spiritual support to the Residents.

Please come and join us!

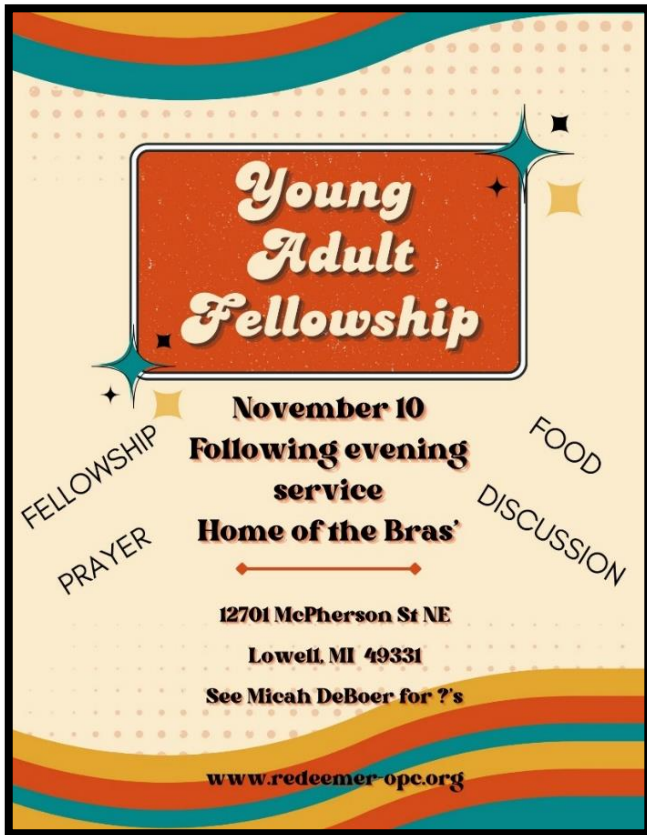
Please contact Chris and Carolyn Thurow at 260-579-3773.



Young Adult Fellowship Opportunity

November 10, 2024

**See Micah and Paige for
invites and details!**



Redeemer Women's Ministry

The Redeemer Women's Mercy Team seeks to help members of the body of Christ meet physical or emotional needs, through matching individuals within the congregation with a particular need with others in the congregation with specific gifts who can help meet those needs. Sometimes this could match a practical need such as emergency childcare, a home repair need, or a ride to the doctor with another member who is able to assist in those needs. Other times it could involve just walking alongside others during difficult times to provide support.

The goal of the Women's Mercy team is to enable the church body to experience the very real mercy of Christ through both giving and receiving. The Lord has blessed our church body with a rich abundance of talents and abilities, and we seek to provide our members with the opportunity to share those gifts with others who may have a need in that area.

The Women's Mercy team is here to support anyone within our church or community that needs any type of merciful act. The team will frequently partner with the Mercy Deacons when there are cases of financial need, or when the Deaconate may be working with the women of our church and community. There are special times throughout the year that the Women's Mercy team will reach out to the singles and seniors within our church body with special tokens of encouragement and acknowledgement.

The Women's Mercy team also hosts an annual women's brunch called 'Bright Hope for Tomorrow' on a topic that could be causing members of the church and community grief and pain. The goal of this brunch is to create a community of love and support around a difficult topic, such as chronic pain or infant loss.

The Women's Mercy Ministry is blessed to have had opportunities to pour into the lives of many people at Redeemer. Whether it's a themed gift bag of encouragement to singles, seniors, and shut ins or simply coming along side to help meet a need, the Women's Mercy Team is often found behind the scenes bringing encouragement and assistance. Through these and other opportunities, as well as our annual Bright Hope for Tomorrow brunch we have seen God open opportunities of ministry and healing that easily could have been overlooked, if not for the intentionality of seeking to connect the women of Redeemer who have needs and those that can meet them. Following our recent brunch the comment was made "I am so thankful that God has opened up new connections and brought hope into this very dark area of my life (through the brunch.) For the first time in 10 years, I know God can heal this part of my past and I am not alone. Thank you!" The team has also experienced tears of joy from a sister in Christ, when God provided the answer via the engagement of the Women's Mercy team to a very real need that had become such a heavy burden for to her. Our gift bags are also widely enjoyed and appreciated at various times throughout the year. They often include treats, scripture and joy-driven items to shine God's love! You can't go wrong with a little chocolate and a lot of Jesus's love!

The Women's Mercy Team prays that God will continue to use us in broader and more personal ways. We hope that more women will approach us for needs they see or personally experience at Redeemer. We also pray for more opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ by collaborating with the Deacon's Mercy Team as they support families in our community.

If there are any needs the Women's Mercy Team can assist with please contact us at womensmercy@redeemer-opc.org or text 'Mercy' to 616-737-0800. All needs shared are confidential and only shared with consent.

The Women's Mercy team is made up of seven women: Tiffany Bangma, Jobi Hasse, Carrie Hill, Mary Meulenberg, Lindsay Meyerdirk, Lydia Person, and Laurie Post.

Tiffany Bangma, her husband Brian and their two children, Grayson (10) and Sydney (7) have been attending Redeemer for 10 years. Tiffany has served on the Women's Mercy team for three years and serves on the AV team in the sound booth during worship services. She works at Acrisure insurance brokerage as an information technology leader. Outside of work, Tiffany enjoys mountain biking, reading and beating her husband at pickleball. 😊

Jobi Hasse has been attending Redeemer for 9 years with her husband, Joe and son Jeffrey since they relocated to GR from Baltimore. She has served on Women's Mercy for two years, attended Thursday morning Bible Study, participated in a couple of grow groups, coordinated Meal ministry and is often found in the church kitchen. Outside of church, Jobi enjoys her family, lattes, reading, indoor sky diving, making a pretty good bundt cake and going down rabbit holes on various topics. She also is a project manager for a small consulting firm and teaches the occasional etiquette class.

Carrie, husband Steve, and 9 year old son Joshua have been attending Redeemer for 9 years. Carrie enjoys serving at Redeemer on the Women's Mercy Team, Mission Board, Women's Group Bible Study Leadership Team, and as a family, oversees the Food Pantry Ministry. Outside of church Carrie is the Executive Director of Sus Manos Gleaners and enjoys being a wife, a homeschooling mom, and missionary.

Mary and her husband Del have been members at Redeemer since 2010. Mary is a retired teacher assistant in the Inclusive Special Education Program at Grand Rapids Christian High. She has served at Redeemer on the Thursday morning Women's Bible Study Leadership Team for several years and has recently become a member on the Women's Mercy Team. Outside of church, she enjoys spending time with their children and grandchildren, being a part of committees on their Condo Association, and outdoor activities.

Lindsay Meyerdirk has been attending Redeemer for 7 years alongside husband Adam, in this time they have welcomed 2 daughters Evelyn (almost 5) and Penelope (almost 2). Lindsay is one of the newest members of the Women's Mercy Team but has really enjoyed serving in this role since January. Outside of church Lindsay has a passion for science and works at Van Andel Institute as a lab manager in a Parkinson's Disease lab. On the weekends Lindsay loves spending time with her family finding fun things to do, going up to the lake, and seeing extended family.

Lydia and her husband Eric have been members of Redeemer for 4 years. She loves helping people and is a full-time real estate agent. Her three favorite things are music, cooking, and babies. She is a part of the Redeemer Music Leadership team and enjoys playing for services. She also volunteers at the Family Life Center of West Michigan, which helps women experiencing unplanned pregnancies and parents in need.

Laurie Post is the youngest of 7 children, a retired 1st grade teacher and has been involved with Redeemer since 2012. She is active in Wednesday AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Women's Mercy Team and just recently the Luke 24 group who will be visiting Medilodge Nursing Home. Outside of church, Laurie enjoys gardening as well as spending time at Lake Michigan.

Womens Fellowship Opportunity

BUNCO!!



Redeemer Women's

DICE & DESSERTS

Game Night!

Join the women of Redeemer for a lovely evening of fellowship and Bunco! If you've never played before don't worry! It is a no strategy, dice rolling game and all instructions will be provided at the event. No previous gaming experience needed! Bring a dessert or snack to share and invite a friend or two as well! This event is for all women high school age and up! Can't wait to see you there!

**Redeemer OPC
Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 15
6:30-9:00PM**

REDEEMER WOMEN'S RETREAT



Women of Redeemer,
Join us, on the shores of Lake Michigan, for an opportunity to be filled by fellowship with one another, respite from the routine of life, and taking a deep dive into the word of God. Come and explore what it means to find **CONTENTMENT** with an inward assurance in God's sovereignty and goodness and be gifted the fruits of peace and thanksgiving in Him.

The Details:

Location: Maranatha Bible Camp: 4759 Lake Harbor Rd
Norton Shores, Michigan 49441

Date: Friday and Saturday March 7th and 8th (Friday arrival time: 4-6pm and Saturday depart time: 3pm)

Pre-Retreat required introduction of study: Please plan to attend one of these viewings prior to the retreat for an introduction to the study.

Date options:

Tuesday February 18th 6:30-8pm - Greta Entingh's Home (900 Pine Valley Dr Se Ada, Michigan 49301)

Wednesday February 19th 6:30-8pm - Redeemer OPC

Thursday February 20th 6:30-8pm - Debby Clayton's Home (2055 Korben Woods Court NE Belmont, Michigan 49306)

Cost: \$150.00 (includes all meals and sleeping accommodations)

Discounted rates available in addition to the opportunity to bless other women in support of covering portions of their cost.

Men of redeemer, if you are looking for a good Christmas gift, this is it!

We look forward to a time of growing our faith and growing in love towards each other.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 17

Kids 5 years old–5th Grade – Find a hiding squirrel to win a prize!

Girl's Club and Boy's Club



6:00 – 7:15 PM. Dates:
November 6 and 20
December 4

Girl's Club: Girl's Club: We are excited to be starting up another great year of Girl's Club! This year we will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit. Any young lady's 1st–5th grade are welcome to join and bring a friend! We would also love a couple more volunteers ages 16+ to join us!

Contact Jessica Boluyt (jdejonge35@yahoo.com) or Arielle Suwyn (ajsuwyn@gmail.com) with questions.

Adopt-A-Friend! We are also excited to begin another year of our Adopt-A-Friend program in September! We are looking for women to pair up with our young ladies from 1st–5th grade at Redeemer. We will begin in September and end in May. This is a fantastic way for our young ladies and women to interact with and get to know each other!

Boy's Club: We would love to have you join us! We know not everyone can attend every meeting, so feel free to come when able. If you are a dad, uncle, grandpa, etc., you are welcome to join, and we would encourage you to share your faith and passions with these young men. Contact: Marty Huizinga at martyhuiz@gmail.com.



Youth Group

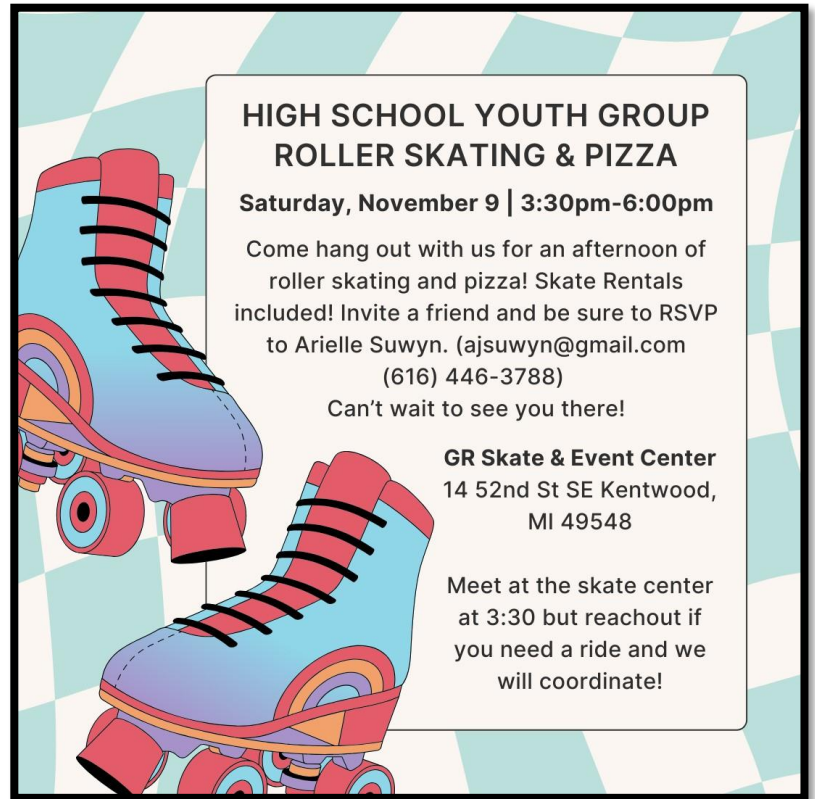
*I Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth,
but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

High School Youth Group Roller Skating & Pizza - Saturday, November 9 | 3:30pm-6:00pm

Come hang out with us for an afternoon of roller skating and pizza! Skate Rentals included! Invite a friend and be sure to RSVP to Arielle Suwyn. (ajsuwyn@gmail.com) (616) 446-3788) Meet at the skate center at 3:30 but reach out if you need a ride and we will coordinate! Can't wait to see you there!

GR Skate & Event Center

14 52nd St SE Kentwood, MI 49548



Middle School Youth Group Mall Madness:

When: Saturday, November 16. Middle School kids please arrive at church by 11:30, we will depart by 11:45 for Woodland Mall. We will arrive back at church at 1:45 and enjoy an ice cream bar. Please plan on pick up at 2:15.

What: Mall Madness is a scavenger hunt throughout Woodland Mall.

Who: Friends and members of Redeemer may join us! Come dressed as you are or come in disguise and see if our groups can spot you! If you choose to participate, please let Kristen Gorlewski know. We will convene as a large group inside the mall in front of Barnes and Noble bookstore at 1:20.

GLOW NIGHT!!



AT HEIDI'S CORN MAZE

Redeemer's Got Talent!(?)

Think Redeemer's got talent? Show us yours on the evening of Saturday, November 23rd. Whether you can fold a fitted sheet better than anyone, sing a falsetto that makes birds jealous, or bake a cake that makes you forget your home address – we need your talent! Any and all talents are welcome for the talent show (with a limited number of slots available). For those who may have a different type of talent, we welcome donations of baked goods, crafts, and other items for a silent auction the same night. All proceeds will benefit the Christian Education Assistance Fund.

Please use the following registration link if you plan to perform a talent or bring a baked good / craft for donation. ([Redeemer's Got Talent Registration Link](#)) Limited spots available!

Contact Adam Suwyn (adam.suwyn@gmail.com) for questions or more information.



From the Session



Dear Redeemer family,

Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 8, meeting at the home of Dick and Janet Schamp. We started with a study of the book “Church Elders” by Jeramie Rinne. The first chapter reviewed the qualifications for being an elder, while the second dealt with the elder’s job (shepherding, not a board of trustees). As we think about qualifications, we’ll soon be entering our season of nominating men to be elders and deacons – please pray for potential new officers and consider the men you know who may be gifted to serve in one of these roles.

We then moved on to some other business, including appointing a committee to review our benefits policies, an update to our building use policy, hearing updates from some shepherding groups, and getting updates on some other ongoing committee work.

On Saturday October 12, we met for the annual elder’s retreat at the home of Bryan and Cindy Roodvooets. We started the morning off with some time for each elder to provide updates on their lives, along with times of prayer for each man. We then resumed studying the “Church Elders” book, covering chapter 3 on teaching the word. Chapter 4 deals with straying sheep – those who wander away because of sin, neglect, health, or conflict.

After lunch from Three Brothers Pizza (which one brother said was “better than Vitale’s”, which is high praise indeed!), we turned to long-range planning. Among items discussed was building expansion. The committee looking into this has done some excellent work, and while that’s wrapping up we were able to discuss how we’d like to proceed. Since this wasn’t a called meeting there was no vote taken, but the consensus is that we want to go forward with adding some much-needed classroom space. Getting bids from contractors will help us determine where to go next and how we want to approach fundraising, debt avoidance, etc.

Our attendance figures for September are below.

	AM	PM
September 1, 2024	315	166
September 8, 2024	358	N/A
September 15, 2024	346	163
September 22, 2024	N/A	N/A
September 29, 2024	343	176

On behalf of session,

Mark Jurries, clerk

Thanksgiving Eve Service: November 27, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

This will be a time of open mic testimonies, singing, and a brief meditation from God's Word.

Invite family, friends, and co-workers to join us as we give thanks and praise to our awesome God!
(Nursery will not be provided.)



Thanksgiving Choir

If you'd like to join the Thanksgiving choir, please join our rehearsals on November 17 and 24 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary! We will be practicing for our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 28 at 6:30 PM.

We hope to see you there!



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From the Treasurer:

Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church Treasurer's Report July through September 2024			
	Jul - Sep 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Total Income	193,531.08	206,726.01	(13,194.93)
Expense			(Neg number is good)
Total Christian Education	2,719.58	4,712.50	(1,992.92)
Total Church Life	4,328.32	8,054.99	(3,726.67)
Total Evangelism and Discipling	188.99	1,812.51	(1,623.52)
Total Music and Worship	9,715.79	6,650.01	3,065.78
Total Office and Administration	11,582.64	18,283.53	(6,700.89)
Total Pastoral Salary	27,443.58	48,413.01	(20,969.43)
Total Pastoral Benefits	9,009.68	24,910.28	(15,900.60)
Total Payroll	28,570.35	37,628.79	(9,058.44)
Total Premises and Overhead	37,124.05	27,221.94	9,902.11
Total Denom and Presbytery Support	15,281.46	15,280.75	0.71
Total Mission Ministry	11,000.00	12,375.00	(1,375.00)
Total Expense	156,964.44	205,343.31	(48,378.87)
Net Ordinary Income	36,566.64	1,382.70	35,183.94
Giving toward the budget through Aug 31 is \$13185 under budget. Expenses for the period are under budget by \$48379. At the end of September, we had a budget surplus of \$35184.			

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.'*

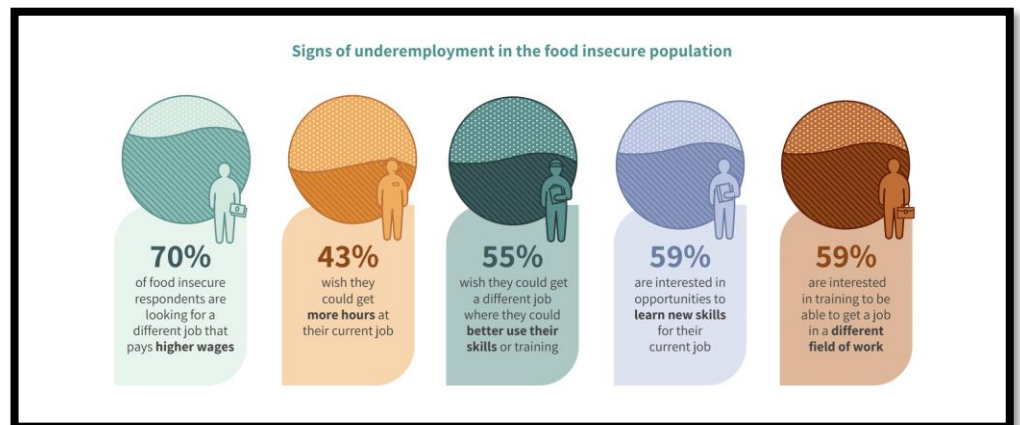


In October, we were blessed to serve 27 families through the food pantry ministry. We welcomed many new families with young children. The needs reflected in the people coming are sobering. Being able to help them with food and prayer was a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love with them. It's hard to believe that the holiday season is just around the corner! This year we will again attempt to provide a Thanksgiving meal to each food pantry family. Please join us in providing the basics for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Stuffing mix, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Yams, Corn Muffin Mix and whatever else you might consider vital to Thanksgiving dinner. Perishable items like frozen turkey or ham, butter, rolls, bread, milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and cheese are also VERY welcome in the few days before the 9th of November. Please make sure perishable items are marked "food pantry" and placed in the fridge in the church kitchen. You can always check in with the Hill's as the 9th 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 November 9th 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](tel:6162862419).

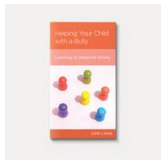


Redeemer Library

New Growth Press minibooks apply biblical wisdom to a wide variety of everyday struggles, issues, and questions and offer practical help for tough times. Available in book and eBook format, the average person can read these Christian minibooks in less than 30 minutes, making them just the right size for getting help for yourself and others. Recently, we received the following books/topics – feel free to take a book for yourself, family, or a friend that would benefit from these helpful books – they are located across from the mailboxes.



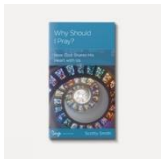
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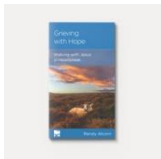
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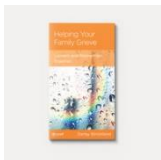
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Christine M. Chappell



Why Should I Pray? How God Shares His Heart with Us
Scotty Smith



Grieving with Hope: Walking with Jesus in Heartbreak
Randy Alcorn



Helping Your Family Grieve: Lament and Remember Together
Darby A. Strickland

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

November 3

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

November 10

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Brennen Winter

November 17

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

November 24

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

Mission Prayer Schedule

November 3

Michael & Nina Schaafsma

Prayer Leader: Alec DeLange

November 10

Alpha Care Center Lowell

Prayer Leader: Kirk Harmon

November 17

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Prayer Leader: Joel Miedema

November 24

Frontline Ministries

Prayer Leader: Duke Suwyn

Greeter Schedule

November 3

AM: Molli VanderJagt & Girls

PM: Tyler & Kate VanRee

November 10

AM: Terry & Ellen Whaley

PM: Open

November 17

AM: Tim & Audra Wright

PM: Carla VerHage

November 24

AM: Lance & Julie Zaagman

PM: Dylan & Ashley

Amtsbuechler

November:
Elder On Call
Jeff Rosendall

Deacon of the Month
Will Groenendyk
Myron Palmer



Coming soon.....!

Brad, Taylor and Knox Way will be moving to Grand Rapids and into the Church House just after the Holidays! Brad's first full week will begin January 7, 2025.

As a "refresher" – please find his introduction letter below. Please be in prayer for the Way's as they begin the process of packing up, saying good-bye, and headed our way to start a new chapter of their lives!!

Hello Redeemer! My name is Brad Way. I currently live in Fairfax, Virginia, with my wife, Taylor, and my one-year-old son, Knox.

Before moving to Pennsylvania where I grew up most of my life, I lived in North Carolina. Being from the "Bible Belt", I had considered myself a Christian because that is what my family, along with everyone else in the community, seemingly was. My family moved to a small town outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2005, when I was only 9 years old. As I grew up, especially through middle school, I was more than willing to identify myself as a Christian, however, my life was showing itself to be less and less aligned with how Christ calls His people to live--a life of dead faith, as the Apostle James would put it. It wasn't until I heard my youth pastor in my church read from Revelation during Sunday School one morning that the Lord brought me to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. It was not the words of Christ's love that God used, but the words of judgment, specifically these words from Revelation 3:15-16: "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

I had never known God to have anger, and when the Holy Spirit awoke in my heart, I realized that I was a fitting example of the lukewarm Jesus spoke of in Revelation 3. That day, the Lord saved me, as He showed me my guiltiness before Him and the free gift of grace I had in Christ by His death and resurrection.

Since then, God has been faithful--sanctifying me, disciplining me, and blessing me. The Lord provided opportunities to share the Word of God with others through all sorts of avenues, whether in more formal positions as a Bible Study leader or through organic conversations with friends. The encouragement and joy these brought me led me to pursue youth ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland after graduating from Penn State University, where I was a Middle School Director until April of 2022.

Over a decade since the Lord has brought me to saving faith, I am now married to my wonderful wife, Taylor (married in November 2022), and the Lord blessed us with Knox in August of 2023. As Taylor and I have prayed and sought wisdom about our future, we are more and more convinced every day of the Lord's leading towards a calling to serve students. Especially as I consider how God used the youth ministry of a faithful church in my own life, I am even more excited for the potential to serve Redeemer and its youth. As many of you know, our youth are facing questions that generations in the past have not had to consider. I would be honored to be a part of what our Almighty God is doing--ministering to and preparing youth to live out their purpose: "to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."

***In Christ,
Brad Way***



Happy Birthday to You!!

Andrew	Hansen	November 01
Ryan	DeLange	November 02
Janet	Schamp	November 02
Kyleigh	Huizinga	November 03
James	Korhorn	November 03
Alex	Overbeek	November 03
Levi	Huizinga	November 04
Terry	Whaley	November 04
Keller	Richardson	November 05
Hailey	VanRee	November 05
Zacharie	Francois	November 06
Emily	Gorlewski	November 06
Sue	Packer	November 06
Eleanor	Platt	November 06
Henry	Thompson	November 07
Julie	Zaagman	November 07
Ida	Nelson	November 08
Thaddeus	Faber	November 09
Sue	Exoo	November 10
Mike	Timmerman	November 12
Grayson	Bangma	November 14
Virginia	Newberg	November 14
Cole	Huizenga	November 15
Ephraim	Amtsbuechler	November 16
Mike	Stapleton	November 16
Allyson	Beeke	November 18
Rebecca	Braam	November 18
Mark	Chupp	November 19
Shane	Hansen	November 19
Audra	Wright	November 19
Elaine	Wright	November 19
Denise	Amtsbuechler	November 20
James	Clayton	November 21
Jeffrey	Braam	November 22
Jane	McCullough	November 24
Katie	Seal	November 24
Murielle	Huizenga	November 25
Evelynn	Meyerdirk	November 25
Joyce	Schram	November 29
Carla	VerHage	November 29
Gloria	Oostema	November 30
Tyler	VanRee	November 30

