April 27, 2025 Updates

Welcome Rev. Jonathan Cruse – AM Service:

Pastor Cruse is a native of Central Pennsylvania, where he grew up in a home that loved sports, movies, and Reformed theology. He attended Temple University in Philadelphia where he studied film for a time before graduating with a Bachelors of Arts in Communication Studies and English. Shortly after graduation, he married his lovely wife, Kerri Ann, and the two immediately headed for San Diego for Jonathan to earn his Masters of Divinity from Westminster Seminary California. They are enjoying life in Michigan with their children Jacob, Evangeline, and Caleb. Jonathan has been pastor of Community since June of 2017.

Final Sunday School Classes Today

Thank you to all the Sunday School Teachers and Boy's Club and Girl's Club Leaders for a wonderful year of instruction and fun. We appreciate your service to Redeemer's Children and wish you a relaxing time off this Summer!

Evangelism for Everyone

Meeting this afternoon @ <u>3:45 pm</u> in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Update

After the evening service tonight, Dave Vander Meer from Word & Deed Ministries will introduce us to their work. Word & Deed is a Reformed Christian Ministry that works in the developing world with indigenous (local) churches and Christian partners to address the needs of both the body and soul. The presentation will include a description of the work of their newest partner, which is a rescue ministry for muslim converts in Southwest Uganda.

The Lord's Supper and Annual Congregational Meeting

We will celebrate The Lord's Supper during the morning service on May 4, 2025. All Items served are gluten free. The annual Congregational Meeting will immediately follow the AM service and will include voting on Officers and 2025/2026 Budget Approval. Info packets are in member's mailboxes.

From the Office

Do you have a 2025 Graduate? Middle School, High School, Trade School, Bible School, College/University, Graduate School. Please send an email to <u>office@redeemer-opc.org</u> with details – we plan to celebrate our graduates on May 18, 2025 during the AM service!

Welcome

We are glad you are here! If you are a first-time visitor, we would love to meet you, give you a gift, and arrange coffee or lunch with our Pastor. The Elder of Month will be at the entrance/exit door after the service to greet you. A nursery is available for children three years old and younger. Visit our website – <u>www.redeemer-opc.org</u> – for more information about our church.

Vacation Bible School

July 7-11 9 – 11:45 AM Registration Open! Register to Volunteer!

Youth Group

May Dates: HS: May 4 MS: May 11 MS End of Year Party: May 16 HS End of Year Party: May 17

Young Adult Group

May 4 & 18 Following Evening Service Home of Jon and Joni Bras 12701 McPherson St NE Lowell, MI 49331

Redeemer news and events

SUNDAY, April 27, 2025 Boiler Room Prayer

8:45 AM – Pastor Jeff's Office Contact: Kirk Harmon, <u>harmonk3@comcast.net</u>

Prayer with an Elder

11:00 AM – Front of Sanctuary Contact: Kirk Harmon, <u>harmonk3@comcast.net</u>

Pre-school-5th Grade

10:45 AM - Singing time 11:00 AM – Students – your teacher will lead you to your room after singing time. Contact: Laurel DeLange

Middle School and High School

11:00 AM – Education Wing Contact: Laurel DeLange

Ministry for Moms

11:00 AM – Nursery Contact: Andrea Groenendyk

Final Inquirer/New Member's Class 11:15 AM – Pastor Jeff's Office

Evangelism for Everyone Meeting 3:45 PM – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, April 29, 2025

Men's AM Bible Study

6:30 AM - Provisio Retirement Partners 3790 30th St SW, Grandville, MI 49418

WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2025

Prayer Meeting

4:00 PM – Conference Room Contact: Kirk Harmon, <u>harmonk3@comcast.net</u>

THURSDAY, May 1, 2025 Men's AM Bible Study

6:30 AM – The Gathering Place 6886 Cascade Rd, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Contact: Steve Hill, <u>Shtroubleelectric@gmail.com</u>

Upcoming Opportunities:

Food Pantry – May 10, 2025:

In April, we were blessed to provide each of the 15 families that attended the Redeemer Food Pantry Outreach an array of staple food items, toilet paper, ground beef, 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. Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of ONGOING meeting the needs in our community. May's focus is good ole' Fruits and Veggies - anything from Green Beans to Creamed Corn to Apple Sauce and everything in between. Perishable items like milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and cheese are also VERY welcome in the few days before the 10th of May.

Vacation Bible School:

We are so excited to announce that VBS registration is now OPEN! This year's theme is ROAR! When life is wild, God is good - a powerful, adventure-filled week where kids will explore God's goodness and discover a ferocious faith to carry them through life's ups and downs.

July 7-11 9:00 - 11:45am Ages 5 through entering 5th grade

Don't miss out—sign your kids up today to join us on this unforgettable safari!

We'd love to welcome your friends, neighbors, and cousins too—please feel free to share the registration link with anyone who might want to join the adventure! It takes a village to bring VBS to life, and we'd love to have you on the team! From crew leaders to game helpers to kitchen crew, there are so many ways to serve. And you get a free t-shirt!