



ANNOUNCEMENTS
Redeemer North Avenue
February 11, 2018

UPCOMING MESSAGES: We continue with our reading of *The Story*, a condensed and chronological edition the Bible that allows us to get the whole sweep of the story in a more accessible way. Today, we consider what happened to David's loving relationship with God when he broke two key commandments.

<i>Today</i>	The Trials of a King
Feb. 18	The King Who Had It All
Feb. 25	A Kingdom Torn in Two

THE STORY: Pick up your copy of *The Story* this morning! *The Story* for adults is available on the display table in the back of the sanctuary. Check your copy to see if you're one of the lucky few to find a golden ticket you can redeem for a special prize!

GROW IN FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING: Join us Sunday mornings for discipleship opportunities for all ages. This is a time of intentional learning and growth, no matter where you're at on your faith journey. At 11:30am, adults gather in the sanctuary for study and conversation, youth group (grades 6-12) meets downstairs in the small-group room, and children gather downstairs for Sunday School. Come and join the conversation as we grow together!

LET'S KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING!

Be sure to make it a priority to be at our next congregational forum. Both the turnout and engagement levels at our November forums were strong, and we'd like to keep that momentum going. This time we'll hear a report on the major takeaways from our recent Reveal Survey, which focused on the spiritual vitality of our congregation. There will also be time for Q&A and discussion. Our pastoral staff and Vision & Strategy Team members have been analyzing the results and considering some possible next steps for us as a congregation and are ready to broaden the conversation. We continue to have a lot to celebrate as well as some significant challenges to meet, and it's important that we work through this together. So plan to be at one of the two upcoming forums (both forums will have the same content):

TODAY	Feb. 11, at North Ave. 11:15am-12:15pm
Next Sunday	Feb. 18, at Park Ridge 10:00am-10:50am

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14. Worship services with the imposition of ashes will be at 7:30pm at our Park Ridge and North Ave. locations. On subsequent Wednesdays during Lent, we'll have a soup supper at 6:00pm and a brief contemplative worship service at 7:00pm at Redeemer Park Ridge. There's a sign-up sheet in the coffee bar area for anyone who can help by bringing something for supper.

NEW CONNECTION GROUP APPROACH: Last week we introduced a new approach to Connection Groups at Redeemer intended to make it easier for more people to join in a group. The idea is to offer a menu of options of groups meeting at various times and places, each meeting for about six weeks at a time, with breaks between sessions. (Please note: most of our current, ongoing groups will continue to meet as they have been. This is in addition to those.)

Here is a list of groups that will start up the week beginning with Feb. 18. They'll meet through the week beginning with March 18. Other options will be added as they're finalized. A sign-up sheet is available in the church entryway, or email the church office to sign up (RedeemerOffice@comcast.net). We'll add more options as they're set.

Deeper into The Story, Mondays, 11:00am, at Redeemer Park Ridge – Jeanne Murtagh leading

Deeper into The Story, Tuesdays, 7:00pm, at the Starbucks at the Brickyard (2730 N. Narragansett Ave.) – Rachel Quest leading

The Gospel According to the Simpsons, Wednesdays, 7:00pm, at George and Debbie Miler's house in Park Ridge – George Miler leading (limit 10; will start later during Lent)

Deeper into The Story, Thursdays, 7:00pm, Park Ridge pastors' house – Pastor Carol leading (limit 8)

Deeper into The Story, Saturdays, 9:30am, Jade and Peter Schwich's apartment in Portage Park (4819 W Hutchinson St, Apt 2R) – multiple leaders

WOMEN'S MIDWINTER PARTY: Women, be sure to come to the women's Midwinter Party this Saturday for games and general socializing. The party starts at 6:30pm, this Saturday, February 17, at Redeemer Park Ridge (1006 Gillick St.). Pizza, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish or beverage to share (anything you like). Bring a friend, too!

SWEET CASES: Alysen Terretta is organizing a Faith in Action event for Sunday, March 11, 1-4pm at Redeemer Park Ridge. Volunteers will assemble Sweet Cases for children entering foster care. Every day, hundreds of kids enter foster care with their belongings in a trash bag. Join us as we replace these trash bags with personalized duffel bags. This is a great service opportunity for families. If you would like to be part of this fun and meaningful ministry, please sign up in the coffee bar. Also, check out the fundraising page which will help provide supplies for the Sweet Cases: togetherwerise.org/fundraise/Redeemer2018. Contact Alysen at alysenp@gmail.com or 847-757-7270 with any questions.

INFORMAL DINNER PARTY: Joe and Angela Duea would like to invite you to their apartment (5050 W Sunnyside #2) on the evening of Saturday, February 17, for an informal dinner party. This is just a time to chat, laugh, eat, and have fun together. Bring something to share or don't. But please do bring yourself and a friend! Stop by anytime between 6 and 9 p.m. Email duea1rep@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

JOB OPENING: Sugar Plum Tree is an independent preschool that meets at Redeemer Park Ridge. They are looking for a qualified pre-school teacher, preferably with relevant experience. If you're interested, send your resume to sugarplumtree@sbcglobal.net. Or feel free to pass this along to a friend who might be looking for a job like this. Thanks!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Please note: Locations are given for your planning purposes.

Everyone is welcome at everything anywhere!

<i>Today</i>	8:30am 9:45am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:15am	Traditional Worship (PR) Sunday School (PR, Family Room) Youth Group & Adult Classes (PR, gym) Contemporary Worship (North Ave) Contemporary Worship (PR) Congregational Forum (North Ave)
Wednesday	7:30pm 7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship (North Ave.) Ash Wednesday Worship (PR)
Thursday	6:00pm 7:00pm	Youth Group (PR) Men's Group
Saturday	6:30pm	Women's Midwinter Party (PR)
Next Sunday	8:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am	Traditional Worship (PR) Congregational Forum (PR) Contemporary Worship (North Ave) Contemporary Worship (PR) Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Classes (North Ave)