



ANNOUNCEMENTS
Redeemer Park Ridge
July 9, 2017

UPCOMING MESSAGES: Today we continue our series called “How to Hope.” Christians are hopeful people – at least, we’re called to be that. How do we hold on to hope in difficult times, so that we can be a beacon of light in a sin-darkened world?

Today	<i>How to Hope: The Timeline of Hope</i>
July 16	<i>How to Hope: Maintaining Hope</i>
July 23	<i>How to Hope: Spreading Hope</i>

REGISTER TODAY FOR MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS: In less than one month, children and leaders are invited to experience Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School: “Created by God, built for a purpose.” Each day, children will learn a Bible story and a key verse that tells about God’s plans for us – that God made us, is present with us, and loves us. We will reinforce those lessons through games, songs, science-y experiments, themed snacks, service opportunities, small-group conversations, and more. VBS is for kids in Grades K-5, and runs August 7-11 from 9am-noon at Redeemer North Avenue.

Online registration is available now at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemer2017>. *To help us out with our planning, please register as soon as possible.*

As always, leaders and helpers are what make VBS a success. We could use help during the week, as well as setting up the week prior. If you’d like to assist, or if you just want to know more, please contact one of the VBS directors: Rachel Quest (rachel@redeemerchicago.com) and Sara Trivedi (redemeroffice@comcast.net).

CALLING ALL 20/30-SOMETHINGS! You’re invited to a BBQ on Sunday, July 30, from 2:00-7:00pm at Schiller Woods (Cumberland at Irving Park). We’ll provide the main meal, soda, and water. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Consider also bringing a lawn chair and any games you’d like to play. This is a family-friendly event and BYOB. Talk with **Jade Schwich** (jade.schwich@gmail.com) or **Shannon Gonzales** (shannonleechilds@yahoo.com) for more information or to RSVP.

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT: By now parents of youth grades 6-12 should have received an email regarding an upcoming Youth Group retreat. From July 21-23 Redeemer’s youth group will be traveling to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, Illinois.

The weekend will include learning about how God works in our lives, relaxation, and time for fun. Activities will include swimming, river or pond canoeing, a low ropes course, archery, hiking, and zip lining. This will be a really great opportunity for our cross-campus youth to build relationships with one another.

The cost for the weekend will be \$65 for lodging and meals. If this is cost-prohibitive for any reason, please let us know. Please register your youth by July 14 to ensure their participation. For more information regarding Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center visit www.lomc.org.

If you have any questions, please contact dan.quest@redeemerchicago.com.

MEAL TRAIN: When someone in the congregation could use a little help because of illness, caregiving, a new baby, or some other reason, we make it easy to coordinate meals via an online app called Meal Train. If you sign up to be part of Meal Train, you'll be notified by email when an opportunity arises. You can then decide whether you're able to help and, if so, which day or days you'd like to volunteer for. Meals are coordinated directly through the website. If you'd like to be included, please email Mike Anzalotti (mike.anzalotti@gmail.com) or Sara Trivedi (redeemeroffice@comcast.net).

MAKE AN IMPACT FOR GOD'S MISSION: Everything we do at Redeemer is made possible by the generous financial gifts of our members, regular attenders, and visitors. If you would like to give electronically, simply go to redeemerchicago.com and click the "Donate" button, go to the following link: <http://goo.gl/0TcRZV>, or scan the QR code. It will take you to Redeemer's secure electronic giving page. There you can select one-time or recurring direct deposit gifts. And you may now set up, review, and change recurring direct deposit gifts directly through Redeemer's secure electronic giving page. Press the "Create Profile" button on the giving page and follow directions to set up your profile. When you've signed in to your profile, you can change, start, and stop recurring gifts without the need to submit any paper form!

CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDER: If you're a regular attender at Redeemer, you've probably heard we're using new software to help us stay better connected. Hopefully you've had a chance to create a username and password. Forgot where to go to log in? Go ahead and bookmark this page: <https://redeemer-changinglives.ccbchurch.com/>. Questions about CCB? Contact Sara Trivedi (redeemeroffice@comcast.net).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Please note: Locations are given for your planning purposes. Everyone is welcome at everything anywhere!		
<i>Today</i>	8:30am 10:00am 11:00am	Traditional Worship (PR) Contemporary Worship (CH) Contemporary Worship (PR)
Thursday	7:00pm	Men's Group (PR)
Next Sunday	8:30am 10:00am 11:00am	Traditional Worship (PR) Contemporary Worship (CH) Contemporary Worship (PR)