



ANNOUNCEMENTS
Redeemer Park Ridge
September 10, 2017

UPCOMING MESSAGES: Today we begin a two-week message series focusing on our growth in faith and in following Jesus. The following series will take us through Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, a look at the fundamentals of the faith in the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. This will lead us up to and through October 31, the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation.

<i>Today</i>	<i>Always Growing: More and More Like Jesus</i>
Sept 17	<i>Always Growing: How Growth Happens</i>
Sept 24	<i>The Church Renewed</i>
Oct 1	<i>The Church Renewed</i>
Oct 8	<i>The Church Renewed</i>

FALL KICKOFF IS TODAY! We take a break in our Sunday morning learning hour over the summer, and many of our connection groups take a break or meet less frequently as well. As fall returns and kids go back to school, we kick off a new year of discipleship teaching and learning at Redeemer with a celebration on September 10 and a renewal of our regular schedule on September 17.

After worship, we'll stay in the sanctuary for a few minutes to hear introductions to the new year of learning for children, youth, and adults. Children will have a chance to meet their Sunday School teachers, and youth will connect with the Youth Group leader. Then we'll head outside for a picnic in front of the church.

Be sure to stick around for the festivities!

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR resumes next Sunday, September 17. Sunday school will meet at 9:45am in the Family Room (the room at the very end of the downstairs hallway). Youth group and adults will meet at 10:00am in the gym.

Sunday School: Children through 5th grade are using the curriculum *Dig In*. They'll spend the year learning about Jesus' life.

Adult Discipleship: We'll spend several weeks exploring what it means for us to be always growing spiritually, as we unpack research from the book *Move: What 1000 Churches Teach Us About Spiritual Growth*.

A BIG THANK-YOU to our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders as we begin a new year of learning and growing together! We will commission the teachers and leaders during worship this morning.

POTLUCK THIS WEEK: Bring a dish to share and come out to Keeler Gardens (3631 N. Keeler Avenue in Chicago) for a Redeemer potluck dinner this Thursday, September 14, starting at 6 p.m. The hosts will make some lasagna, but feel free to bring entrees, sides, drinks, or

desserts to share. Please email Peter Schwich (peter@redeemerchicago.com) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

WOMEN OF REDEEMER: It's time to register for this year's Redeemer Women's Retreat. We'll get away to the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois, from Friday evening, October 6, through Saturday, October 7. This year's theme is "Encounters with the Word." Registration is available on Church Community Builder. Click on "More" in the left-hand column, then click on "Forms" to find the retreat registration form. Please talk to Pastor Carol (carol@redeemerparkridge.com) or Rachel Quest (rachel@redeemerchicago.com) with any questions or if you have trouble registering!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for an all-Redeemer joint service on Sunday, October 15, at 10:30am at our Park Ridge campus. Our newly called pastor Peter Schwich will be ordained and installed as pastor and church-planter for our Portage Park site. Preaching and presiding will be Bishop Wayne Miller of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Lunch will follow. Be sure to be here to celebrate and to add your prayers and support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AND FALL PARTY: Sunday School children, parents, teachers, and their friends are invited to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children (1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL 60173) on October 21 from 2-4pm. We'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables, and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets, and shipped to the neediest children around the world. Children ages 5 and older are allowed to volunteer! FMSC would like one adult per child younger than second grade. Also, children under the age of 5 are not allowed in the packaging area. Because we have a limited number of spots, FMSC asks that we register before we go. Please sign up on the clipboard in the coffee area or let Beth Christenson (eafuhrman@hotmail.com) know by October 15.

Immediately following the volunteer event, participants and Sunday School students too young to attend the FMSC event are invited to come to the Christensons' house nearby (5809 Prairie Lane, Palatine, IL 60067) for a Fall Party. We'll have kids' activities, games and pizza. Please bring an appetizer or dessert if able.

HELP CHANGE THE LIVES OF FORMER PRISONERS: Our prison ministry has just launched a revolutionary online tool that will connect "returning citizens" with a statewide network of churches and service providers. We're looking for some help, including data entry and phone calling, to enroll individuals and service providers in the network. This is a crucial step toward getting the site up and running! If you're able to help out, or just want additional information, please contact Ben Blobaum at ben@insideoutnetwork.net or 224-392-1834.

ALPHA starts Wednesday, September 20. See the blue insert for the info you'll need!

CLUSTER TUTORING NEEDS YOU: Cluster Tutoring has been providing free one-to-one tutoring for students from Chicago's Austin community for over 25 years, and they are looking for new volunteers to join them this fall. You can learn more about their program at one of their upcoming information sessions for new tutors on either Thursday, September 7 or Tuesday,

September 12. They will meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at First United Church of Oak Park (848 Lake St). Please contact Executive Director Kara Kalnitz at 773-378-5530 or kalnitzk@clustertutoring.org if you have any questions, or talk to Cathy Rennau from Redeemer who has worked with the organization for several years (crennau@comcast.net).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK Please note: Locations are given for your planning purposes. Everyone is welcome at everything anywhere!		
<i>Today</i> <i>Fall Kickoff</i>	10:00am 10:30am 11:15am 11:30am 11:45am Noon	Contemporary Worship (North Ave) Combined Worship (PR) Discipleship Preview (North Ave) Discipleship Preview (PR) Fall Kickoff Picnic (North Ave) Fall Kickoff Picnic (PR)
Thursday	6:00pm	Portage Park Potluck with Keeler Gardens (see announcement for details)
Next Sunday	8:30am 9:45am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am	Traditional Worship (PR) Sunday School (PR, Family Room) Youth Group & Adult Classes (PR, gym) Contemporary Worship (North Ave) Contemporary Worship (PR) Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Classes (North Ave)