

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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Our Week as Redeemer Church: News, Updates, & Resources

Many of our meetings and events continue to be available on Zoom. You can use Zoom from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can also dial in from any phone without requiring an internet connection.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP, THIS SUNDAY, JULY 25

Given the current CDC guidance and the continued low number of new COVID-19 infections in our area, we'll continue to worship in person this coming Sunday, July 25, for our 8:30am and 11am services. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people are welcome. Masks are required for unvaccinated people age 2 and older. As we've done over the course of the past year, we'll keep an eye on the number of new cases, the impact of new variants, and modify what we're doing as necessary. Please contact [Pastor Peter](#) or [Pastor Dan](#) with any questions. **(Note for parents of young kids:** As we do our best to return safely to worship, we are not yet able to provide childcare staffing for the nursery and gym. Families are welcome to use the nursery and gym as needed throughout the morning, and we'll keep you updated in the weeks to come.)

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we were challenged by Paul's words in Ephesians 2:15 which say, "[Jesus'] purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace." As followers of Jesus, we are called to set down our individual biases, prejudices, and racist world-views. Instead, we are called to see the world through the lens of His death and resurrection, which empowers us to be people who unite rather than divide.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What attitudes do you hold toward people different from yourself that you need to set aside? Take a few minutes to pray that God would let you release those attitudes and begin to love people as God loves them.

DICK BUCHHOLTZ VISITATION & FUNERAL

All are invited to come celebrate the life of our friend and brother in Christ, Dick Buchholtz. A visitation will be held at Nelson Funeral Home (820 W Talcott Rd, Park Ridge) on Monday, July 26, from 4:00pm-8:00pm. The funeral service will be at Redeemer Church on Tuesday, July 27, at 10:30am.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

During July and August, we're collecting back-to-school supplies for children in kindergarten

through high school for the Kids Above All Back to School Backpack Drive. [Click here to see a list of needed supplies.](#) Please bring donations to Redeemer on Sunday mornings, or to Third Place Chicago on July 24 or August 21 between 10am and 2pm. Questions? [Contact Deacon Karen.](#)

WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK

We're putting our faith into action by extending hospitality to a family arriving in our country. Exodus World Service, a Christian organization that helps churches to welcome and befriend refugees, is helping Redeemer put together a welcome pack for a newly arriving family. We're in the process of being paired with a family arriving in the next couple of weeks. If you've already provided something, thank you! If you haven't gotten around to it yet, now's the time! [Click here for a list of needed items, instructions for drop-off/delivery, and to sign up.](#) Questions? Email [Pastor Peter.](#)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD DISCUSSION, TUESDAY, JULY 27, 7PM

On Tuesday, July 27, at 7pm, we'll be joined on Zoom by Zachary Schmidt, who works with Bread for the World, a Christian organization committed to ending hunger domestically and internationally. Zach will be talking about what the Bible has to say about food and hunger, and about how Christians can faithfully work to make feeding the world a reality. If you're interested in joining, please email dan@redeemerchicago.com.

FAITH IN ACTION WEEKEND IS COMING, AUGUST 28-30

While we continued participating together in service activities during the pandemic, one of the things we had to put on hold was our annual Faith in Action Weekend. Mark your calendars for August 28-30. We'll cancel worship that weekend as we hold a scaled-back Faith in Action Weekend with four opportunities to serve our neighbors. Sign up before or after worship on Sunday. If you have questions, [contact Sara in the church office.](#)

ONGOING GROUPS, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT, OCTOBER 8-9

The Redeemer Women's Retreat will be October 8-9 (those wanting a little extra time away are welcome to stay until Sunday, October 10). As usual, we'll hold the retreat at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois.

CENTERING PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS, 7PM

Meet in the Redeemer Church sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7pm for 20 minutes of silent centering prayer. Everyone is welcome! Explanation and instructions are provided. It's a peaceful way to re-center yourself on God in the middle of the week. Please plan to wear a mask if you're not fully vaccinated.

BIBLE STUDIES: EVERY TUESDAY & EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

Connect with others and study God's word. These are drop-in Bible studies. No preparation is needed. If you're interested in joining, please email dan@redeemerchicago.com.

- Every Tuesday, 12:00-12:30pm, on Zoom
- Every other Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm, on Zoom (**next meeting July 22**)

WOMEN'S GROUP: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

A women's connection group meets every other Thursday, from 7-8pm, on Zoom. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 29. All women are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Shannon Latko (shannonlatko1117@gmail.com) or Karen Katamay (karen@redeemerchicago.com).

MEN'S GROUP: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

The Redeemer Men's Group meets every other Thursday evening. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 29, at 7pm. If you haven't participated previously, there's no better time to start. We gather in a hybrid format with some guys gathering in person in the church sanctuary along with those who'd like to participate from home via Zoom. Contact Joe Duea (duea1rep@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH REDEEMER'S PRAYER TEAM

We have a faithful team continually praying for our congregation. To share your prayer requests or to be added to the team, please email redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)

NEED FINANCIAL ADVICE?

Joe Duea, a member of Redeemer and financial planner with PrairieView Wealth Partners (an office of Thrivent Advisor Network), is available every Friday at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave), from 9am to 1pm. Stop by if you need any financial guidance or have any financial questions.