

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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

LAST SUNDAY

In Mark 7, Jesus critiques the tendency we all have to carry out our customs and traditions but lose sight of the “why” behind them. Loving God and loving our neighbor should always be the starting point for a life of discipleship, and our traditions follow—not the other way around.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- How have your usual ways of doing things, your rituals, and your traditions been thrown off over the past year and half?
- What traditions and norms might need to remain on hold or be reimagined in order to truly love God and love people in this time and place?

THIS SUNDAY. 10AM: OUTDOOR WORSHIP & FALL KICKOFF CELEBRATION

This Sunday, September 12, is our annual fall kickoff, when we'll gear up for a new year of discipleship and mission together. We'll gather for one worship service (outside, weather permitting) at 10am, followed by an introduction to discipleship opportunities for all ages. Then we'll have a picnic complete with good food and good conversation. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Masks are required indoors for all people two years and older (other than people with medical conditions that make masking unsafe). **(Notes for parents of young kids:** After further consideration, we've decided not to put up the bounce house this year due to the exhalation and close proximity its use generally includes. We are again providing childcare in the gym during worship, and our childcare attendants will be double-masked at all times. Unfortunately, at this time we cannot guarantee the vaccination status of our childcare attendants.)

HELP WITH FALL KICKOFF

There's a lot that goes in to pulling off Fall Kickoff, so we could use some additional assistance with setup and cleanup. There are tasks large and small, so if you are free and able to help, please reach out to office@redeemerchicago.com to find out what you can do. Or you can use this [link](#) to sign up. (You may need to log in to CCB to access the signup list.)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! WOMEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 8-9

Whether praying for other people feels like a habitual practice or a daunting challenge to you, come spend October 8-9 exploring creative ways to pray for your friends, your enemies, and the world. In addition to learning new things together, we always set aside plenty of time simply to rest and recharge. We'll hold the retreat, as usual, at the peaceful Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois. Expect that masks will be required for indoor communal spaces.

Click [here](#) for more details and to sign up.

The registration deadline is September 26.

Contact [Rachel Quest](#) with questions.

MOPS/MOMSNEXT INFORMATIONAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 9:30AM

MOPS/MOMSnext is a group for all moms—no matter their age or the age of their children. We gather to share our hopes, fears, and insights. An informational meeting will be held on September 11, from 9:30-11:30, at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave). And from October through May, we'll gather on the first Saturday of each month from 9:30am-12:00pm. For more information contact [Christin Anzalotti](#).

GIVE NOW TO ASSIST WITH DISASTER RELIEF

To assist with relief efforts for the many disasters around the world, you can donate to Lutheran Disaster Response. One hundred percent of any gift given through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used to meet relief and recovery needs directly, including supplying food, water, medical supplies, temporary shelter, and long-term recovery. [Give now to aid in the disaster response.](#)

ONGOING GROUPS, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITIES

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting will be Monday, September 13, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer Church. We'll discuss [The Tattooist of Auschwitz, by Heather Morris](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7:30PM

Connect with others and study God's word, every other Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm, on Zoom (next meeting September 16). We're working our way through the book of Matthew. No preparation is needed; just join when you can. If you're interested in joining, contact [Pastor Peter](#).

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 this Thursday, September 9. 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, from 7-8:30pm. We gather in a hybrid format with some guys gathering in person in the church sanctuary along with those who would like to participate from home via Zoom. Our next meeting will be this Thursday, September 9. If you haven't participated previously, there's no better time to start. 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 redemerprayerteam@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.