

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 10-13-2021

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

#### LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday we began our new sermon series *Really Free*. In the book of Exodus, God responds to the cry of the enslaved Israelites by sending the prophet Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt and into freedom. On Sunday, we examined how God's name and God's title (The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) point to God's presence and faithfulness to God's people throughout history. This enduring faithfulness still gives us confidence today.

#### FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Even if you are struggling right now and it feels like God is absent, where has God been present with you in the past? How did God respond to hearing your suffering (for example: God made a way when it seemed impossible, God sent others to you to be present with you in your pain, etc.)?
- God promised Moses that God would be with him as he faced the challenge ahead. Pray that God would make God's presence known to you, giving you confidence and peace, as you face your own challenges this week.

#### THIS SUNDAY: IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We're continuing to hold both our 8:30am and 11:00am worship services in person. Unless the weather prevents us from doing so, we'll be worshipping outside on October 17. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on (we'll also have some extra chairs available). Masks are required indoors for all people two years and older (other than people with medical conditions that make masking unsafe). (Note for parents of young kids: We are 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.)

#### THIS SUNDAY: LEARNING HOUR

Come be a part of our learning hour between worship services!

**9:45am Sunday School** (preschool through 5th grade) in the Family Room

**10:00am Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) on the parsonage patio across the street from church (weather permitting) or in the conference room

**10:00am Adult Bible Discussion** at the outdoor tables (weather permitting) or in the gym

### **CROP WALK FUNDRAISER TONIGHT!**

Tonight (Wednesday, October 13) a portion of all sales at City Barbeque (123 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068) will benefit the Park Ridge and Niles CROP Walk to fight hunger. Order online using the promo code "FundA" or present [this flyer](#) when ordering in-store.

### **NO CENTERING PRAYER TONIGHT**

*There will be no centering prayer gathering this evening.* We'll resume next Wednesday, October 20, at 7pm for 20 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. It's a peaceful way to re-center yourself on God in the middle of the week.

### **CROP WALK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

This Sunday, Christian congregations in Park Ridge and Niles are joining together for the CROP Walk to fight hunger close to home and around the world. You can be a part of this good work by walking and/or donating. [Click here for our Redeemer team page, where you can give or register to walk.](#)

### **UNBELIEVABLE?**

Whether someone is a committed Christian or a committed skeptic, we're all faced with a big question: Is this Christianity thing actually true? If it's true, it's the most important thing in the world. If it's all made up, that's a big problem for people who've put their faith in Jesus. Want to think through this question in a thoughtful, generous way? Come discuss a smart and accessible book called [Unbelievable? Why After Ten Years of Talking with Atheists, I'm Still a Christian, by a British radio host named Justin Brierley](#). This is a great opportunity for those of us who are struggling with doubt, hoping to gain confidence in sharing our faith, or simply want to have a better understanding of why people believe Christianity is true. We'll start meeting in late October or early November, at a time and place (perhaps Zoom) that works best for those interested. Interested, or have a question? [Email Pastor Peter.](#)

### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

This Saturday, October 16th from 10:00am - 11:30am, we're holding one more first communion class. Pastor Dan and the kids will talk through the story of Jesus and the Last Supper, and they'll explore why and how we celebrate this meal together as a church body. They'll also taste some bread and wine (or grape juice) together. If you feel your child is ready to start taking communion and you would like them to attend Saturday's class, contact [Pastor Dan](#).

### **HEIN-FRY BOOK OF FAITH CHALLENGE: OCTOBER 22**

Every year one student from each of the seven ELCA seminaries is invited to develop a class or series for people both familiar and unfamiliar with biblical texts. The students are then invited to report their findings. You are welcome to attend a free online presentation by Aneel Trivedi, a Redeemer member and student at Wartburg Theological Seminary. [Click here for more information, including how to register.](#)

## **ONGOING GROUPS, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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 October 14). 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 Dan](#).

### **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, October 21. All women are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Karen Katamay ([karen@redeemerchicago.com](mailto: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, October 21. If you haven't participated previously, there's no better time to start. Contact Joe Duea ([duea1rep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duea1rep@sbcglobal.net)) with any questions.

### **REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30PM**

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting will be Monday, November 1, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer Church. We'll discuss [\*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI\*, David Grann](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) 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](mailto:redemerprayerteam@gmail.com). (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)