

Redeemer Life!

September 4, 2016

Jesus said, *"I am the way the truth and the life."*

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We're glad you're here! If you are a first-time visitor, please **pick up a gift of bread** at our Visitor Welcome Table in the front foyer. A nursery is available for children three years old and younger. To find out more about Redeemer Church, please visit our website at www.redeemer-opc.org.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:45 AM Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Coffee and Fellowship Time
5:00 PM Evening Worship

Labor Day Cookout and Campfire - We will have our Labor Day Cookout and Campfire after the evening service. Please bring: **A-F:** s'mores makings, **G-Q:** hot dogs (or brats) and buns, **P-Y:** 3 (2L) bottles of pop and chips. Also, please bring: lawn chairs and roasting sticks.

Jail Ministry – This evening, a group of women from Redeemer will be leading several Bible Studies with the women at the Kent County Jail. Please pray for God's blessing on them as they go in to teach and that God will be at work turning hearts and giving hope to the women there.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TUESDAY, September 6

Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM

Pastor John will be leading the study in 2 Timothy in the fellowship area at church.

Session Meeting – 6:30 at church

WEDNESDAY, September 7

Ladies Bible Study – 9:30 AM

The book that we will digest is *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. It will be distributed at our meeting. All women are welcome! Nursery is not provided.

Weekly Prayer Meeting – 6:30 PM

Pastor John will lead the Wednesday evening prayer meeting at Redeemer in the large Youth Room. Child care will not be provided.

NEXT WEEK AT REDEEMER

The Lord's Supper - Will be celebrated in the Morning Worship Service on September 11th. All items being served are gluten free.

Special Collection – A collection will be taken on September 11th for Tuition Assistance Fund and Building Fund. Envelopes are available in the seat backs. When designating to a specific fund, please

remember to write this in the memo section on your check so it can be applied appropriately.

Sunday School for all ages – Begins Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 AM. There is an informational flyer for all parents to review located on the mail box counter. It includes the Sunday school schedule, teachers, and rooms.

Adult Sunday School Class – Randy Baker will be leading the adult Sunday school starting on September 11th with a series on "Redeeming the Realities of Marriage" by Paul Tripp. Biblical Marriage is under attack in our culture and represents a significant key to the proper understanding family and community. A proper view of marriage is important to everyone even the unmarried as it ultimately reflects the mysteries of Christ and the Church. The book "What Did You Expect" will be available for those interested in further background on the series. Please prayerfully consider attending this series and being challenged to grow in your love for one another and the Lord.

High School Youth Meeting – Will gather at the Huizinga's house for a time of fellowship, games, delicious food, hanging out and devotions on September 11th after the PM Worship Service (approximately 6:30 PM).

Thursday Morning Men's Nonna Study – Will begin on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 AM @ Noona's Cafe', 584 Ada Dr SE, Ada (new location). The group will be studying Philippians. We will begin by reviewing the first 3 chapters. Please see Tom VerHage for a study guide. All men are welcome. Come join us for a time of fellowship and a good time in God's Word!

Thursday Morning Ladies GROW Groups – Will begin on Thursday, September 15th at 9:15 AM at the church. We will be studying *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* by Barbara Hughes. Please return your completed registration form to Katie VanRee's mailbox by TODAY. This will allow us to make plans for the coming year. If you have questions, please contact Mary Meulenberg or Katie VanRee.

High School Youth Group Event – The Great Escape Room! Meet at the Huizinga's home on Friday, September 16th at 5:15 PM. Dinner and games are included. Please RSVP to Keri by Tuesday, September 6th as a minimum of 10 people is needed.

UPCOMING REDEEMER EVENTS

Redeemer West Shepherding District – If you have received notice that you are part of the Redeemer West Shepherding district, you will be having a fellowship dinner at church after Sunday school on September 18th.

Women of Redeemer Reserve this Date:
September 23, 2016

Revive Our Hearts True Woman 16 conference is airing a nationwide prayer event for women. It is called ***Cry Out!*** It will be a simulcast that will be aired from 7-10pm ET on 9/23/2016. All women across this country are invited to participate in this prayer event. More details will follow. Just wanted you to mark this on your calendar. If you want a little more information about it you can go to: CRYOUT16.com. Any questions ask Greta Entingh 813-5765.

One evening...one heart...one cry!! When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears. Ps.34:17

REDEEMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Redeemer Office –

The church office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 5th.

High School Youth Group – If you are willing to assist with High School Youth Group Sunday night meals, please see the sign-up sheet located on the mailbox counter or contact Keri Huizinga.

LITTLE LAMBS – We are looking for someone to teach in Little Lambs on Thursday mornings from 9-11 AM. The first class starts September 14th. Please contact Kristen Gorlewski if you're interested in helping out in this great opportunity to teach the little children in our church.

Engagement Announcement – Jeff Hansen, son of Shane and Ann Hansen, and Melissa Potter, daughter of Doug and Margie Potter, are now engaged and planning a March, 2017 wedding. Congratulations Jeff and Melissa!

Update on Associate Pastor Search -

Since Pastor Jim Mong moved away to church plant in July of 2015 your Session (now two successive classes) has diligently searched for the next Associate Pastor for our congregation. Through elder consultation with members of their shepherding groups as to the needs and aspirations of the congregation a ministry role description was developed. Applications were solicited and received from men suggested by

the congregation, from men known to the elders and pastor, and from several seminaries and churches. We have received applications from individuals in a variety of denominations and have had exploratory conversations and interviews with potential candidates from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), the Reformed Church in America, the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, to name a few. Interviewees have been from a broad range of ages, ministry experience, and training. The Session has twice brought promising candidates to Ada to interview them in person.

While the session continues to follow through on additional applicants we have, at present, narrowed the search to one man whom we intend to bring back to visit with a broader group of serving and non-serving elders and deacons and their families, hopefully in September. The purpose of this visit is to get a broader perspective on whether the potential candidate has promise as a good fit for our congregation. If, based on the feedback of this broad group, it seems we should move forward the session will bring the man back a third time for an extended candidacy with the entire congregation. During this time various ministries, leaders, and focus groups within the congregation will be given dedicated time to visit with the candidate and provide their assessment to the session. This step would, most likely, take place in late October or November.

Redeemer OPC Session

Choir Announcement – All singers from middle school up are invited to be part of the choir. We will sing during the AM Worship Service on October 16th. Practices are scheduled

for September 18th, October 2nd, and October 9th from 6:15-6:45 PM at church. The choir will be lead this year by Kristin Contant as Scottie Tiemersma will be taking a year off to dedicate himself to his ministry as a shepherding elder. *Thank you Scottie for your commitment and sharing your love of music in ministry with the Redeemer choir and congregation.*

Inquirers' Class – Pastor John will be starting an Inquirers Class on Sunday, September 25th. The class is for those who are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer Church, contemplating making a profession of faith, or would simply like to know more about Redeemer Church. If you would like to attend the class, please sign up by contacting the church office.

Missionary Focus –
The Potter's House
810 Van Raalte Dr SW
Grand Rapids MI 49509

Prayer Items:

- New volunteers
- School will be a place of peace for all who enter
- Thank God for all our hard-working families
- Great first day of school
- Students who don't know Jesus will come to know Him
- PreK-8 parent meeting to be well attended
- God to provide open doors to share about The Potter's House in new placed
- Good first days in our newly remodeled High School.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAMP TALKS – Dr. Alan Strange gave an excellent series of talks at this year's Family Camp on the topic, "The Work of Christ." The talks are available to listen to or download on the Harvest OPC website at this link:

<http://www.harvestopc.org/index.php/hear/2013-01-07-18-39-28/teaching.html>. Check it out!

The Hope Heralds – A 90-voice Reformed men's chorus that presents concerts throughout the summer in the Grand Rapids, MI area, will present a concert at First United Methodist Church on Friday evening, September 16, 2016 at 8 PM. While the concert is free to the public, a free will offering will be collected. The address of the venue is 227 E Fulton St., Grand Rapids, 49503. Please join us as we sing praises to God in the beautiful acoustics of this facility.

Thrift Shop to Benefit Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS) Scholarship Program - We would like to introduce you to Re.gen.er.ate Thrift, a shop started to raise funds for the Scholarship Program at PRTS.

The old location in Grand Rapids recently closed in anticipation of moving to Grandville. With the projected opening date of the new Chicago Drive location set for late fall, we are asking that you thoughtfully start setting aside items to donate. Popular items are furniture, antiques, linens, bedding, games, decorative items, kitchen items, small appliances, jewelry, vintage items, and clean clothes of all sizes.

We would also appreciate more volunteer help, from a couple hours a month to once a week.

For any questions, feel free to call Susan at 616-498-2551, or visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/regeneratethrift. Another notice will be forthcoming to announce the opening date and the address of the new shop for drop-offs and shopping.

Words of Hope – Is building the church in Albania by giving those curious about Christianity a safer way to explore the faith. Many people still experience strong social pressure from their family and friends if they visit a church building. Radio programs and smartphone apps provide an easier first step for those curious about the faith. If you are interested in how you can help, please see the flyers located at the Missions display area.

Keith & Kristyn Getty In Concert – “*FACING A TASK UNFINISHED*” featuring *Living Waters, O Children Come, and In Christ Alone*. Saturday, October 1 – 7:00 PM at First Byron Center Christian Reformed Church, 8541 Byron Center Ave S. General Admission is \$20 (all proceeds to go to Missions). Tickets can be purchased online at Gettymusic.com/tour.aspx or by phone at 616-878-9768.

America’s Christian Heritage Conference – Oakland Hills Community Church, Farmington Hills, MI is hosting the conference September 30 – October 1, 2016. You are invited to register at www.ohcc.net. Early registration is \$40. After September 5th, registration will be \$50. Seating is limited so you won’t want to wait. More information can also be found on the postcards located on the mailbox counter.

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Today’s Greeters:

AM – Dylan and Ashley Amtsbuechler
PM – Tom and Denise Amtsbuechler

Next Week’s Greeters:

AM – Chad and Heather Anderson
PM – Dave and Sharon Anderson

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

AM – Julie Zaagman, Rhonda Currie,
Emily Paauw, Monica Rubingh

PM – Kate VanRee, Norma Burley,
Abby Timmis

Next Week’s Nursery Volunteers:

AM – Molli Vanderjagt, Greta Entingh,
Laura Paauw, Alyson Timmis

PM – Kelly Bass, Karen Faber, Joni Bras

September Elder of the Month: Steve Entingh

September Deacon On-Call: Jeff Rosendall

September Ushers: Ron Kuite (West), Duane Torrence (West Center), Ray Van Grouw (Center), Jeff Rosendall (East Center), Marty Nosko

September Coffee Volunteers:

Kim Fields and Linda Schubert

September Water & Cookies Volunteers:

Gladys Vermeulen and Mary Korhorn

WELCOME!

At Redeemer Presbyterian Church, you'll discover that true peace and joy is only found by trusting in our living Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, alone for salvation. Jesus called people to himself saying, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*" If you would like to know more about a relationship with Jesus Christ, please talk to any one of our members or the pastor!

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is an evangelical church that honors the Bible as the inspired and inerrant Word of God and our absolute authority. The Westminster Confession of Faith is held as the detailed doctrinal standard of the church, subordinate to the Bible. We join other Reformed churches in greatly appreciating the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dordt. *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church*, of which we are a part, was formed in 1936 to carry the banner of Biblical Christianity and historic Presbyterianism.

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ELDERS

MR. RANDY BAKER – Class of 2019
MR. DUANE BRAS – Class of 2018
MR. STEVE ENTINGH – Class of 2019
MR. BRYAN ROODVOETS – Class of 2019
MR. DUKE SUWYN – Class of 2018
MR. SCOTTIE TIEMERSMA – Class of 2017
MR. JERRY TIMMIS – Class of 2019
MR. KENT VANTIMMEREN – Class of 2019
MR. ELBERT YEH – Class of 2019

DEACONS

MR. TOM BONT - Class of 2019
MR. DAVID CONTANT – Class of 2017
MR. SHANE HANSEN – Class of 2019
MR. KIRK HARMON – Class of 2017
MR. JEFF ROSENDALL – Class of 2017
MR. RYAN ROTH – Class of 2019
MR. RON STREEKSTRA – Class of 2017
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MR. LANCE ZAAGMAN – Class of 2019

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“TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN!”