

*Get Involved!*

*Come Grow  
With Us!*

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

### **ChristCare (Small Groups)**

This ministry grows members through care, fellowship, prayer, Biblical Equipping, and service. We have many open small groups. Participants must register, space is limited. You may check out groups without joining. We are always interested in training new group leaders, also. Groups meet when and where they choose and as frequently as they like.

Contact Jeff Shoumaker, 691-2333, Ext. 14.

### **Teaching/Leading Bible Study**

Redeemer has existing time slots, such as on Wednesday evenings at Oasis and on Sunday mornings at 9:40 when we'd like to offer educational opportunities. Redeemer also supports members with teaching/leading gifts at other times.

Contact Jeff Shoumaker, 691-2333, Ext. 14.

## **CARE MINISTRIES**

Volunteers are always needed in the following areas:

Pro-Life Ministry -- to Chair this undertaking and/or help with the Baby Bottle Project.

Life Chain

Relay for Life

Angel Tree – the Christmastime ministry. This project is coordinated with Dorcas Circle. Together we fill the tree with names of children and others who would be without a gift

otherwise. Packages are then grouped and picked up by various organizations.

Prison Ministry – we are looking at getting involved again in this ministry.

School Supplies – we collect supplies prior to the opening of the new school year.

Care Certificates – sold before and after Saturday night service and again after the 8:30 a.m. service. Volunteers are needed to sell as well as order, which is done Monday mornings. This project helps to fund Care Ministry. We are given a percentage of the amount of sales.

We welcome any suggestions of new areas we may explore or implement.

Care Ministry works hand in hand with the Parish Nurse program. Together we hope to meet needs and bring health and comfort to all in need.

Contact Phyllis Call, 693-9214; Lois Lohrman, 691-2333, Ext.30.

### **Helping Hands Ministry**

Helping Hands provides temporary assistance to fellow members needing light handiwork around the house or yard. Contact Ann Vipond, 691-3370, or Bob Lueders, 692-8076.

### **New Moms (Cradle Roll)**

This group of women prepare and deliver a meal to mothers who have just had a new baby. Volunteers are contacted as needed and typically deliver one or two meals a year. We are currently in need of more members.

Contact Natalie Lanser, 243-2676.

### **Food Pantry**

Volunteers stock and shelve food in the Pantry. They also administer food to those in need during Pantry hours. Hours are: Mondays, 1 – 3 p.m.

Fridays, 9 – 11 a.m.

Contact Carol & Bud Lowe, 243-7937

### **Mission Service**

Throughout the year we will be doing projects to benefit and honor those in the military. Volunteers can gather items to send to them or send letters, cards, etc. 2008 is our first attempt in this area of ministry, and we are really excited to help those who keep our country safe.

Holiday Food Baskets – Volunteers are needed in helping in food basket preparation and in the distribution to those in need, in and/or out of the congregation.

At Christmastime there will be a Hat & Mitten Tree for those local folks who may be in need of hats, mittens and/or gloves.

Operation Shoebox aids children in other countries with shoeboxes packed with needed and small gift items.

Contact Rosann Lahne, 699-0532.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### **Children's Ministry**

This ministry seeks to provide a place that is exciting and safe for all children, allowing them to form strong bonds with Christians, and inspiring them to continue their involvement

with Christ throughout their lives. This takes place through various means, be it 5/6 Grade nights, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Movie Nights, and many other special events.  
Contact Jennifer Anders, 691-2333, Ext.31.

### **Concordia Lutheran School**

Affiliated with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, this Kindergarten through 8th Grade Lutheran grade school operates as a joint ministry by Redeemer, Mt. Calvary and Trinity Lutheran churches. The mission is to provide a Christ-centered educational experience that is academically challenging and holistic; nurturing and equipping God's children for service to their family, church and community. Lunches are prepared daily. Before-and after-school care is available through the YMCA utilizing the school's facilities. Concordia offers fine arts and athletics programs and various clubs and organizations.  
Volunteers are always needed for Teacher Aids.  
Contact Dr. Scott Russell, Principal, 681-8921.

### **Nursery**

This ministry consists of a trained staff that provides childcare for children ages 3 and under during the worship services on Sunday.  
Contact Amy Bloms, 683-3450.

### **Oasis – Children**

Every Wednesday night from 6-7:20 p.m. we share Christ's love through a dynamic, hands-on, active discipleship ministry for all children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
Contact Stephanie Bailey, 243-7894.

### **Oasis – Meals**

Every Wednesday night from 5-5:45 p.m. a meal is provided to all of our families attending Oasis. Volunteers help set-up, prepare, serve, and clean-up this meal.  
Contact Jennifer Anders, 691-2333, Ext. 31.

### **Oasis – Nursery**

Every Wednesday night during Oasis childcare is provided for children ages 2 and under in our Nursery from 6:55-7:25 p.m. This allows Mom and Dad to attend the Oasis adult programs offered.  
Contact Jennifer Anders, 691-2333, Ext. 31.

### **Children's Sunday School**

Every Sunday morning from 9:40-10:35, children, ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade participate in Sunday School and learn Bible stories through activities, music and storytelling.  
Contact Cathy Fernandez, 690-7945.

### **Redeemer Preschool/Child Care**

Redeemer's childcare ministry continues to grow and has become well known for excellence in the Peoria area. The preschool curriculum is based on the CPH religion curriculum, Voyages. The children enjoy a Jesus time, a large motor activity, an academic lesson and a language and arts time each day.  
Volunteers are welcome to assist teachers in the classrooms.  
Contact Doris Dunham, 691-2333, Ext. 15.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Children, ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, spend every morning for a full week in June experiencing God's love through Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and lots of fun!  
Contact Rene Hayashi, 691-8150.

## **FAMILY MINISTRIES**

### **Divorce Care**

Seminars and support groups are led by people who wish to help divorced and separated individuals and understand what they are going through. We help our participants gain access to valuable resources to help them deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding their futures. This group meets in the Conference Room Wednesday evenings during Oasis from 6-7:20 p.m. We are always interested in having additional participants, and we are willing to train people to join our leadership team. Childcare is provided through Oasis classes or a nursery for infants. There is no charge for childcare.

The next group begins Wednesday, September 20, 2008, and meets through December 17, 2008.

Contact Nicole Neve, 444-3482, or visit our website at:  
<http://www.redeemerlutheran.com>.

### **Helpmates**

Divorced and/or single adults meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evenings for Bible study and fellowship time. Activities vary. We sometimes meet for dinner or a movie.  
Contact Edith Pohland, 691-2333.

### **Milestone Ministries**

About every other month Redeemer's Family Life Committee has an event that blesses children, gifts, families, and calls parents to faithfully share the love of Jesus with their children. This committee meets to plan the events and to run them.  
Contact Jeff Shoumaker, 691-2333, Ext. 14.

### **Library Volunteers**

Volunteers categorize and shelve new additions and reshelve returned books. Some data entry is required.  
Contact Miriam Seeber, 691-8900.

### **Parish Nurse**

Currently, the Parish Nurse program is looking for people interested in visiting shut-ins. I need volunteers to take blood pressures following church services, and I also need a coordinator for the 2009 Blood Drive. The Parish Nurse works together with Care Ministry to meet needs and bring health and comfort to all in need.  
Contact Lori VanVoorhis, 691-2333, Ext.19.

### **Young Mom's Play Group**

Moms with children ages birth through preschool come together twice a month to have fellowship together while little

ones play. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9-11 a.m. in the Church Nursery.  
Contact Amy Bloms, 472-1817.

### **Couples' Fellowship (all ages)**

This group sponsors a Valentine Dinner for couples in early February. The event includes dinner at a local restaurant and dessert/fellowship afterwards at a member's home. Couples of all ages are invited to attend.

Contact Joe & Linda Couri, 682-2636.

### **Young Couples' Club (mostly 30s)**

A group of couples come together for fun events throughout the year as well as small group Bible study twice a month.

Contact Jason Bloms, 472-1817.

### **Post-College (20s) Christ Care Groups**

We have two groups of young adults at this time. This ministry grows young adults through care, fellowship, Biblical equipping, prayer and service. Participants must register.

Space is limited. You may check out groups without joining.

We are always interested in training new group leaders since we have so many young adults at Redeemer.

Contact Jeff Shoumaker, 691-2333, Ext. 14.

## **PRAYER MINISTRIES**

### **Prayer Chain**

Prayers are passed by telephone between 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. and again between 7:00 & 8:00 p.m. You are expected to pass the prayers as soon as you receive them. But you can pray at your convenience. There are times we pass emergency prayers when they come. We just try to reach as many as we can.

Prayers are to be kept confidential.

Contact Church Office during office hours, 691-2333; after hours, Valerie Conn, 231-7453; Brenda Hasselberg, 692-8220.

### **Prayer Ministry – E-mail**

Church Office sends Prayer Chain prayers once a week to those who wish to receive them by e-mail. Emergency prayers are sent as soon as the office receives them.

Contact Church Office during office hours, 691-2333.

### **Weekly Prayer Team**

Every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until Noon two or more meet in the Brides' Room to pray for the Redeemer Church body.

Contact Cindy Thompson, 689-0724.

## **MISSION TRIPS**

### **Mexico Mission Trip**

Redeemer youth and adults take a yearly trip to different locations in Mexico, working with churches on various construction projects and bringing the Good News to the people through VBS.

Contact Hugh Fernandez, 690-7945.

## **SERVICE MINISTRIES**

### **Building & Grounds**

Whether it's mowing grass, fixing plumbing, adjusting furnaces or air conditioners, moving furniture, woodworking projects, redoing masonry/concrete, working off a lift, hauling here and there, or electrical know how, Redeemer always requires volunteer help to maintain our beautiful worship experience. Volunteers may be called weekly and others just once a year. Projects may take one hour or several hours to complete.

Contact Jeff Schlatter, 691-2333, Ext. 25.

### **Garden Club**

Volunteers plan, plant, and maintain the church grounds at Redeemer. This includes planting trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, and annual flowers to enhance the property. All plantings are then maintained by mulching, watering, fertilizing, weeding, and pruning. The Club tries to take an annual, one-day garden tour and sometimes has garden experts

as speakers.

Contact Merle Krause, 676-4088.

### **Office Volunteers**

The Office Staff is assisted by volunteer receptionists who work 3 or 4 hours one time a week. They answer the phone, direct visitors, and help with mailings and other office duties as needed. No computer work is involved. The office is usually very busy, and these valuable volunteers allow the Staff to work uninterrupted.

Contact Jane Foster, 691-2333, Ext. 11.

### **Sunday Coffee**

Volunteers make and serve coffee Sunday mornings before Sunday School, and clean up the Kitchen and surrounding area afterwards. Each person works only one Sunday per month.

Contact Joyce Bessler, 361-0922.

## **SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL**

### **Annual Church Picnic**

Each year a group of volunteers meet several times to plan, promote, organize and administrate Redeemer's August picnic.

Contact Amy Williams, 682-4987.

### **Bridge Club**

Each Wednesday and Friday afternoons senior adults gather together at Redeemer from 1:00 to 3:30 to play Bridge.

Contact Millie Shimmin, 693-3365, or Lois Singleton, 566-5036.

### **Summer Coed Softball**

Starting in May, a team is formed that competes against other local churches throughout the summer. Participants must register. Space is limited.  
Contact Colleen Slane, 361-4648.

### **Men's Basketball Fellowship**

Thursdays, October through April, a young competitive group of adults play "pick-up" basketball at Redeemer. Participants must register. Space is limited.  
Contact Jeff Shoumaker, 691-2333, Ext.14.

### **Summer Men's Softball**

Starting in May a team is formed that competes against other local churches throughout the summer. Participants must register. Space is limited.  
Contact Ben Russell, 691-3386.

### **Read-n-Talk Club**

The group meets for dessert the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 12:45 p.m. They gather at someone's home or at a restaurant to discuss a book they have chosen.  
Contact Lois Singleton, 566-5036.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

### **Dorcas Circle**

This is a fellowship of women who meet in members' homes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The primary

mission of our group is to provide funds for seminary students. This is accomplished by hosting our all church garage sale in October. Serving Advent/Lenten meals is another way in which we work for the Lord.  
Contact Mopsy Burdick, 688-5667.

### **Quilters**

A small group of ladies meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 9:00 a.m. to create tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Coral Charities.  
Contact Mopsy Burdick, 688-5667.

### **Women of Redeemer**

This ministry sponsors monthly events from September through May. All women of Redeemer are invited to attend. Events feature interesting speakers or activities with a spiritual theme and often include a musical offering.  
Contact Charlene Sickinger, 550-5765.

## **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

### **Acolytes**

All kids in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to join our Acolyte ministry team. Acolytes are scheduled for the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship services. Each child will acolyte 1 or 2 times every two months.  
Contact Kathy Miller, 383-3070.

**Altar Guild**

A group of volunteers who accept responsibility for communion set up and clean up, candle maintenance, and changing the paraments. Training is given; then you are assigned to one of three teams. Each team serves for an entire month, usually every four months.

Contact Donna Schlatter, 681-1085.

**Audio/Video/Lighting Techs**

Contact Scott Ibe, 691-2333, Ext. 16.

**Communion Assistants**

Men assist the pastors in serving communion to the congregation twice monthly and at special services.

Contact Jim Kane, 693-7624.

**Festival Choir**

This music ministry is open to adults who love to share their voice and time to singing to God's glory! New singers should know how to read music and be available for Thursday night rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. Festival Choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. Festival Worship services and holiday services.

Contact Sharon Holtan, 692-5991.

**Host/Hostess**

As we greet and welcome all to Redeemer Lutheran Church, we are available to answer questions about activities and events. We obtain information from visitors and give them information packets about Redeemer and familiarize them with our facility.

Contact Connie Green, 692-3830.

**Music**

Praise Band, Praise Teams and Jubilee Bells are all under the direction of our Director of Music Ministry, Scott Ibe.

Contact Scott at 691-2333, Ext. 16.

**Readers' Ministry**

Volunteers take turns reading the Scripture and Gospel at the service time they attend. Readings are scheduled months in advance so people can plan for them. They receive a copy of their readings no later than the Thursday before the weekend they read. We especially need readers at the 5:30 p.m.

Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday services.

Contact Elda Buchanan, 682-7908.

E-mail: [epb00@comcast.net](mailto:epb00@comcast.net).

**Ushers**

With a winsome smile ushers greet worshipers and hand them worship folders, offer to assist them to an available pew, direct them to communion distribution and collect the offering. After the service ushers pick up leftover worship folders and the attendance sheets from the pews. Each of the 12 teams usher every four months at a particular service time. (Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.; Sundays at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m.)

Contact Marty Potts, 698-0034.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Redeemer's Youth Ministry exists to **Reach** non-believing youth, to help all youth **Honor** God with their lives, to **Connect** them with other Christians, **Grow** in their faith, and to challenge the growing to **Discover** their ministry.

### **Junior High**

Our Junior High youth ministry is geared around Confirmation. We believe that we need to help our kids connect first to God and second to each other. Confirmation classes are on Sunday mornings as part of Redeemer's education hour. We also have *FUEL* which is our youth group which meets as part of *OASIS* on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:20. We also do many other retreats, gatherings, and servant events throughout the year. Contact Brian Steward, 691-2333, Ext. 28.

### **Senior High**

Senior High youth meet every Wednesday evening throughout the year from 7:30-9:00 for youth group time as well as every Sunday morning during Redeemer's education hour. There are also opportunities for youth to connect in a small group where more discipleship learning takes place. Throughout the year, high school youth also have the opportunity to participate in many fellowship and servant events. Contact Brian Steward, 691-2333, Ext. 28.

### **College**

We are continuing to develop a ministry to our college youth. Currently we send out a care package twice a year, and there are plans for outreach into the local colleges. We want our

college kids to know that we are praying for them, and we support them and their educational efforts. Contact Brian Steward, 691-2333, Ext. 28.

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