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For the South Side of Lansing

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Trunk-or-Treat
Thursday, October 31,
6:00-8:00pm.
2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing

All children are welcome to participate in a FREE and SAFE alternative on Halloween @ Redeemer Church.

We will hold this event in our front parking lot **from 6-8 pm on Thursday, October 31, 2024.** Our cars will be lined up with trunks open, ready to serve our community “Goblins” with oodles of candy. **This is a “Walk-Up” Event.**

For more information, please contact the church office at 517-882-8000 or www.redeemerlansing.com.

All You Can Eat **TACO DINNER**

Includes: *Tacos, Beans, Rice, Guacamole, Chips, Drinks, Ice Cream*

Thursday, November 14, 2024
6:00 —7:30pm

Suggested Cost:

Adults \$10/Seniors \$9(*age 60 and up*)

Children \$5 (*age 10 and under*)

*All you can eat,

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Sunday Worship begins at 10:00am
**Holy Communion is Celebrated Every Sunday and Open
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Sunday Luncheon follows worship,
**1st/3rd and 5th Sundays

Wed. Adult Enrichment Hour, 7:00pm
***All are encouraged to attend

CHURCH STAFF

Jan Hite, Pastor
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Church Council meetings are open to all members.
Their normal meeting time is the 3rd Sunday of
each month @ Noon.

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center Board
meetings are open to all to all members, parents and
community members. Their normal meeting time is
the 4th Thursday of each month @ 6:00pm

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Nov. 20, 2024

*The editors reserve the right to make changes
to all items submitted.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Vogt	Oct. 05
Mary Ann Wilson	Oct. 07
Howard Vogt	Oct. 13
Jeff Sand	Oct. 17

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeanette Eastham	Nov. 14
Danielle Greene	Nov. 17
Carla Fitzgerald	Nov. 22

We are sorry if we missed your special day. Please let the office know of your date by calling the office, 882-8000, emailing, janhite@sbcglobal.net or dropping your name and Birth date or Anniversary date in the offering plate. **Thank You!**



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Ann Hyde
201 Mall Drive South, Apt. 67
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Barbara McGraw
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Please make these changes where
You need to.
Thank You!!



Helping Hands Christian Learning Center

Our Mission: to provide nurturing care to God's children through our helping hands, offering a safe haven for holistic growth.

Embracing the Season Fall Family Fun

As the leaves turn vibrant shades of red, orange, and gold, and a crisp chill fills the air, it's undeniable that fall has arrived. This season offers a cornucopia of opportunities for families to come together and create lasting memories. From pumpkin patches to cozy movie nights, here are some delightful ways to enjoy fall family fun.

Visit a Pumpkin Patch: Nothing says fall like a trip to a pumpkin patch. Let your little ones pick their own pumpkins, explore corn mazes, and enjoy hayrides. Carving pumpkins together at home can be a creative and enjoyable family activity. Don't forget to roast the pumpkin seeds for a tasty and nutritious treat! **Go Apple Picking:** Fall is also the perfect time for apple picking. Spend a day at an orchard, plucking apples straight from the trees. Not only is this an opportunity to teach your kids about where their food comes from, but it also provides a chance to bond as a family. Once you've collected your apples, experiment with making homemade apple pies, cider, or applesauce.

Nature Walks and Leaf Collecting: Fall's natural beauty is on full display with the changing foliage. Take your family on leisurely nature walks through local parks or hiking trails. Encourage your kids to collect colorful leaves, pine cones, and acorns. You can even turn these finds into autumn-themed crafts, like leaf collages or pinecone bird feeders.

Cozy Movie Nights: As the evenings grow cooler, there's no better time for cozy movie nights at home. Let your children choose their favorite fall-themed movies or classic family-friendly films. Create a comfortable movie-watching area with blanket and pillows, and don't forget the popcorn and hot cocoa.

Fall Baking and Cooking: The fall season brings with it an abundance of delicious flavors, from pumpkin and cinnamon to apples and caramel. Get your kids involved in the kitchen by baking pumpkin bread, making caramel apples, or preparing hearty soups and stews. Cooking together not only provides a chance to bond but also teaches valuable culinary skills.

Scenic Drives and Picnics: Take advantage of the picturesque landscapes by going on a scenic drive. Find routes that showcase the stunning fall foliage, and stop for a picnic along the way. Pack sandwiches, snacks, and warm beverages, and enjoy a meal amidst the beauty of nature.

Fall Festivals and Events: Check out local fall festivals and events in your area. Many communities host pumpkin festivals, craft fairs, and harvest celebrations during this season. These events often feature live music, games, and delicious food, making them perfect for family outings.

Fall offers a unique and enchanting backdrop for family fun. Embrace the changing season and create cherished memories with your loved ones. Whether you're indulging in seasonal treats, exploring the outdoors, or enjoying cozy moments at home, there's no shortage of ways to revel in the magic of fall as a family. So, bundle up, grab your scarves, and savor the beauty of this colorful season together.

-Dr. Kristi Smith, D.E., M.Ed., CFE



What's Happening

October/November

- 10/25: Picture Day @ HHCLC
- 10/31: Halloween Day
- 10/31: Holly Park, 1/2 Day
- 10/31: Harvest Party @ HHCLC
- 10/31: Trunk & Treat @ Redeemer Ch., 6-8pm
- 10/31: Reformation Day

November

- 11/01: No School Holly Park
- 11/01: All Saints Day
- 11/02: Daylight Savings Time *Set Clocks Back 1 Hr
- 11/05: Voting Day
- 11/05: No School LCD
- 11/11: Veterans Day
- 11/14: Taco Dinner @ Redeemer, 6-7:30pm
- 11/15: Half Day Cole
- 11/24: HHCLC Board Mtg. 6pm
- 11/28: Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27-11/29 No School
- 11/28-11/29 HHCLC Closed Holly Park, Cole and LSD Closed

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 28 years. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children. Come in today to see what we have to offer you and your family.



Sunday Schedule

- Worship: 10:00am
 - Lunch and Fellowship: 11:15am
 - Adult Enrichment Class: Wed.7:00pm
 - HHC Learning Center: M-F, 7am till 6pm, call 517-882-8622 for more info
- We are a church of this community and ALL are welcome. Come as you are!



Happy Birthday To You... October/November

- Ms. Kristina 10/02
- Malani C 10/30

- Jordon G. 11/02
- Anjolie 11/03
- Lyla J. 11/04
- Kane A. 11/04
- Daniel R. 11/06
- Nathan B. 11/20
- Ms. Carla 11/22
- Ms. Lucila 11/29



SPECIAL TRIP TO...

Country Mills in Charlotte

Where pre-schools and toddlers went on a field trip for fun in a pumpkin maze and to enjoy home-made cider and donuts.

This was a great event, that was enjoyed by all.

Our goal as a center is to provide seasonal field trips to all our younger children so they can engage in the larger -world.

Also, our hope is that they will be able to apply what they have learned in the class room to the larger-world setting.

i.e. Like seeing how an apple, which they learned about in the classroom, becomes cider that you can drink



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Mobile Food Bank...

Date: *On Going Throughout Our Community...*

Located At: See Redeemer's Website on "Up-Coming Events" for Locations
www.redeemerlansing.com



The Human Relations and Community Services Department and the Mid-Michigan Food Bank will be distributing free, fresh, non-perishable food items to:

- The disadvantaged and vulnerable
- Senior citizens on fixed incomes
- Families/individuals with limited or low income jobs

***All participants must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license**

Trunk-or-Treat...

Date: *Thursday, October 31, 2024*

6:00-8:00pm.

Join your community for a fun, safe time of trick or treating. There will be "TRUNKS" filled with "treats" for all, so come join in and have a great time. Watch our "sign," our October newsletter and the local newspaper for more information. The time for the event will be the same as the allotted city's time for Trick or Treating.



So plan on a wonderful event, **Thurs. Oct. 31, 6-8 pm.** Please spread the news—and invite all your children's friends!!

"Thanksgiving Baskets...For the Needy"

This year we will be providing 15 food baskets for those in need in our community this year during the Thanksgiving season.

We will be teaming up with "Helping Hands" families and children. The "Sign-Up" Sheet for food items will soon be up in the Entrance Area of the church. Please sign up to bring food items or to donate \$10 toward this worthy cause. If you are NOT attending church, but would like to donate food items, you can call the church OR email Pastor Jan at janhite@sbcglobal.net and see what items are needed. Call, 882-8000. Thank you.



Many families in our community continue to struggle due to our fluctuating economy and increased food cost, so, try and enlighten their holidays by putting a healthy Thanksgiving dinner on their table.

Our prayer as a church and school is that we can try and care for others in need as much as possible.

Items are due into the church by **Sunday, November 24 at 11:30am.** Baskets will be assembled on that Sunday and made ready for pick up and delivery that same day. **Drivers are needed also.**

Remember, Jesus said, "What ever you do unto the least of these who are my family, you have done to me." Let us reach out with the hands of Jesus and help others! *If you are in need of a basket, call Christian Service @ 517-394-5411.

Voting Is Important...

Remember there is NATIONAL ELECTION DAY coming up, Tuesday, November 5th. Freedom to Vote was WON by many and is a privilege we don't want to take lightly.

We can all vote **EARLY, AT HOME or ON ELECTION DAY.** See our new City Clerk Office At: 1221 Reo Rd., Lansing, MI 48910, (517) 483-4485



It is open during regular business hours 8am till 5pm, as well as extended Wednesday and weekend hours. Also the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor of City Hall is Available, 8am till 5pm to complete absentee applications and ballots. You also can access a lot of info at: lansingvotes.gov

Taco Dinner...

Date: *Thursday, November 14, 2024*
6:00-7:30pm.

You and your family and friends are invited to enjoy Tacos, chips, beans, rice, all the toppings including Guacamole, various drinks and Baskins Robbins Ice Cream. Let us prepare dinner for you and your family. And remember, it is ALL YOU CAN EAT! There is "Take Out." Cost is: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$9 and Children: \$5.



We are looking forward to seeing all of you again!!

**DON'T FORGET...
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK**
Daylight Savings Time Ends on,
Sunday, November 3rd @ 2:00am



So turn your clock back, Saturday night, 11/2, before you go to bed. **Yes, you get an extra hour of sleep!!!**

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CURRENT SUNDAY MORNINGS Praise Time!

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

- Holy Communion is shared each week
- ALL are welcome *Dress is casual

**ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO
JOIN US!!**

**WE ARE A DIVERSE, AND
WELCOMING COMMUNITY.**

HAPPENINGS...

- ⇒ Church Council Mtg., 10/20
- ⇒ HHCLC Board Mtg. 10/24
- ⇒ Halloween, All Day, 10/31
- ⇒ Trunk & Treat @ Redeemer Ch, 10/31, 6-8pm
- ⇒ Reformation Day, 10/31
- ⇒ All Saints Day, 11/1
- ⇒ Election Day, 11/5, *Remember to Vote
- ⇒ Veteran's Day, 11/11
- ⇒ Next Taco Dinner, 11/14, 6-7:30pm, *All Invited
- ⇒ Church Council Mtg., 11/17
- ⇒ HHCLC Bd. Mtg. 11/19, 10am
- ⇒ Loaves & Fishes, 11/19
- ⇒ Transition Mtg., 11/20, 3:30pm
- ⇒ Drop off Food for Thanksgiving Baskets, 11/24 by 11:30am
- ⇒ Thanksgiving Day, 11/28
- ⇒ Both School & Church Closed, 11/28-11/29



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