



Annual Ice Cream Social

Redeemer Church 2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing, Mi. 882-8000

Saturday, August 27, 3:00 till 6:00pm



Come join your friends and neighbors for the annual Ice Cream Social at Redeemer Church. This is an opportunity

to share in some FREE Ice Cream from Melting Moments.

Also, there will be FREE Food, Fun

games & prizes for the kids, and LIVE music for both young and old. Come enjoy the great crafts and our 50/50 raffle.

COME SHARE IN THE FUN.
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

**See you on August
27th at 3pm**

Save the Dates...

100th Anniversary Events

Starts with Ice Cream Social and

Continues Thru Sunday, Sept. 25 *See Inside
There will be special speakers, music, food & other great events.



All are invited to attend. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

God's Helping Hands

Redeemer Church, E.L.C.A.

"...your helping hands"

A Congregation of the *NorthWest Lower Michigan
Synod of Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America*

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Lansing, Michigan 48911
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Sunday Worship begins at 10:00am
**Holy Communion is Celebrated Every Sunday and Open
To all of God's Children*
Sunday Luncheon Will Start Up Again this Fall @
11:15am
Wed. Adult Enrichment Hour, Wed. @ 7:00pm
Pre-School Worship Time, Thurs. 10:00am

CHURCH STAFF

Jan Hite, Pastor
Tom Jones, Minister of Music
Carla Fitzgerald, School Director
Jeanette Eastham, Guitar
Bill Hart-Davidson, Bass
Sandra Walker, Council President
Vickie Crouch, Child Care President

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**

Helping Hands Newsletter

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August/Sept. BIRTHDAYS

Maria Gelispie	Aug. 04
Kevin Gartung	Aug. 20
Scott Erney	Aug. 24
Vickie Crouch	Aug. 26
Carnell Walker	Sept. 24

August/Sept. ANNIVERSARIES

Sandra & Carnell Walker	Aug. 15
Teri & Jeff Sand	Aug. 28
Howard & Cindy Vogt	Sept. 14
Bruce & Maria Gelispie	Sept. 28

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



James LaMar
Tony Benavides
Edwin Dean Raven

*God Be with each of them now that
they are in heaven and with their
families as they grieve their loss!*



Please join us for these Upcoming Events

“Mayor’s Senior Fair”...

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022, @ 9am-2pm
Gardner International Middle School, 333 Dahlia Drive, Lansing, MI. 48911. Information Booth will be available until 12pm. Free continental breakfast, full lunch and live entertainment. Free educational and interactive fair featuring a variety of vendors covering senior living and senior health. For more info **CALL: 517-483-4277.**

“Lansing Charter Academy Open House”...

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022, @ 4:30-6:30pm
BIG BASH EVENT on the lawn at Lansing Charter Academy with FREE Pizza, Snow Cones, Frozen Yogurt, Pop Corn, Ice Cream & Cotton Candy. Also Video Game Truck for Families. This will be held at 3300 Express Ct., Lansing, Mi., Parking @ Ingham Family Center across the street from school on Holmes Rd. **ALL WELCOME! FREE TO ALL!!**

**Bring a folding chair. For more info call: 517-575-8230*

“Mobile Food Pantry”...

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2022, @ 9-11am
Distribution of **FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items** at **Lansing Catholic High School, 501 Marshall St, Lansing, 48910.**

Who can participate?

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



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A VALID STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER’S LICENSE . Participants should bring a box or bag to carry food, one distribution per household. For more information, call the City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services, 517-483-4347.

“Annual Ice Cream Social Set...”

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Come join your friends and neighbors for the annual Ice Cream Social at Redeemer Church. This is an opportunity to share in some **FREE Ice Cream (Melting Moments)**. Also, there will be **FREE Food, games & prizes** for the kids and **LIVE music** for both young and Old. Again we will have our 50/50 raffle which includes many prizes that can be won. This event is open to everyone. Come enjoy us for a great time of ice cream, food, fun and fellowship with all.



REDEEMER CHURCH Celebrates 100 Years

“Celebrating Our Helping Hands–
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

**You are cordially invited to join us for
any and all festivities:**

- **August 27, 2022 Annual Ice Cream Social, 3-6pm,**
free ice Cream, food, games, prizes, & music.
Raffle tickets sold. Rain or shine.
- **August 28, 2022 Outdoor Worship service, 10 am,**
Under a tent, explore our 1st 25 years, featuring
Rev. Ken Ponds.
- **September 11, 2022 Worship service, 10am,**
Explore our 2nd 25 years, featuring Rev. Joe Lane.
- **September 18, 2022 Worship service, 10am,**
Explore our 3rd 25 years, featuring Rev. John
Schleicher.
- **September 25, 2022 Worship service, 10am,**
Explore our most recent 25 years, featuring
Rev. Jan Hite. Followed by a commemorative
video and catered meal outdoor under tent

RSVP for meal by Sept. 11 to 517-882-8000 or

At: redeemer100Anniversary@gmail.com

- *Dress for the weather August 27 and 28;*
dress as you feel comfortable for the other dates.
- *COVID safety protocols will be in place if need be.*



Redeemer Church
September 26, 1922-2022





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.

Staying Safe As You Return This Fall

Two years ago, students had their world turned upside down. Schools closed their doors because of COVID-19, a dangerous new virus that spread quickly through communities worldwide. Since then, we have learned a lot. One of the biggest lessons: **in-person school is best for children and teens.** Students get more than education at school. Many also get vital resources they need to thrive at school.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends making safe, in-person school a priority during the pandemic. While COVID-19 continues to spread, with more than 1.1 million cases of COVID-19 recently reported in a single week in children, and school now on the horizon as fall fast approaches, we now have many more tools to keep kids safe in school. To keep everyone healthy, multiple tools should be used.



That includes: **COVID-19 vaccines for everyone who is eligible, along with universal masking, physical distancing, washing hands and staying home when sick.** These steps are even better when combined with good ventilation, testing, screening and contact tracing in the school community.

Tools that kept schools open during the pandemic and continue to keep students in schools start with local, state and federal policies and guidance backed by science. To make it work, everyone has to do their part so students and staff stay healthy and physically together in school.
WHAT TOOLS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

COVID-19 vaccines

The AAP recommends COVID vaccination for everyone 5 years old and older. Children should get fully immunized as soon as they are eligible. Kids who are fully vaccinated are at a much lower risk of getting seriously sick from COVID-19. Fully vaccinated kids don't have to spend more time away from learning, friendships sports and other activities that are important to their physical and mental health. Even if your child has recovered from COVID-19 illness, they should get the vaccine. Everyone eligible should get the vaccine.

Face Masks

The AAP recommends universal masking in school, with special attention to indoor masking. Face masks can stop the virus from spreading to those

who may be at higher risk of getting sick. Spread of the virus has been observed more often in schools that did not require universal masking.

While COVID-19 vaccines greatly reduce the risk of getting very sick or dying from the variants, fully vaccinated people can still become infected and spread the virus to others. *That is one reason why everyone over age 2 years should keep wearing a mask that covers the nose and mouth.* COVID-19 variants that are circulating are more contagious. As a bonus, masks can help stop the spread of other infections like the common cold or the flu. **The mask should fit well and be worn correctly and consistently.** Most children with medical conditions can wear face masks with practice, support and role-modeling by adults. Ask your pediatrician if:

- *you need help choosing a mask or personal protective equipment that offers the best fit and comfort based on a child's medical or developmental needs or*
- *you have concerns that a mask cannot be worn and to explore all options.*

Physical Distancing

Students—including those who are fully vaccinated—should remain at least 3 feet apart within classrooms when possible.

Also when possible, schools should use outdoor spaces and unused indoor spaces for instruction and meals to help with distancing. Activities like singing, band and exercising, i.e., are safest if done outdoors and individuals are spread out.

COVID Testing

Everyone should get tested. If possible, schools should follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. Tests can be used in two ways:

To screen for the virus: Screening testing can be used to identify infected people with or without symptoms. Screening can also identify people who might be contagious before symptoms appear. Early identification and isolation can help slow the spread of COVID-19.

To diagnose COVID: Diagnostic testing can help determine if someone has COVID-19 after a recent known or suspected exposure to the virus.

Limiting exposure

Right now, COVID-19 is still spreading and new virus variants are circulating. So, even if schools use all the tools they have, exposure is still possible. **Here are some questions parents have.**

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What's Happening

8/16—Yoga Rhonda Visit

8/17—Cole Academy 1st day

8/22—Lansing Charter Academy
1st day of school

8/23—Yoga Rhonda Visit

8/26—Last day Summer Program

8/26—Cole No School

8/27—Redeemer Ice Cream Social
3-6pm

8/29—Lansing School District 1st
day of school

9/1—LSD 1/2 day

9/2—9/5—No School LCA,
Cole & LSD

9/5—Labor Day—Center Closed

9/6—1st Day of Before/After
Program

9/11—Happy Grandparent's Day

9/22—HHCLC Bd. Mtg.

9/30—LSD No School

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is an outreach ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 25 years. Here we offer love



Sunday Schedule

- Choir Rehearsal: On Hold due to Covid
- Adult & Youth Study Time: On Hold due to Covid
- Worship: 10:00am
- Lunch and Fellowship: Will start back in the Fall, 11:15am
- Adult Enrichment Class: Wed.7:00pm

**We are a church of
this community
and ALL are welcome.**

Happy Birthday To You... August/Sept. 2022

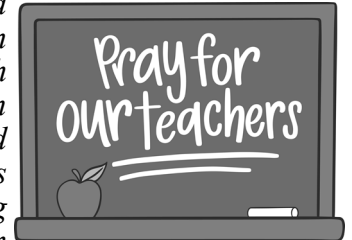
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Monroe S.	8/09
Ms. Katrina	8/10
Ms. Jenny	8/18
Priscilla	8/30
Cassimir W.	9/21
Mark F.	9/24
Everett E.	9/27



Our Prayer For All Teachers...

Dear God,

As countless teachers begin to prepare for a new school year ahead, grant them an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.



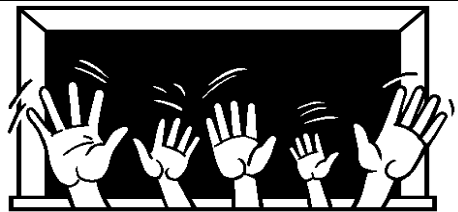
DO YOU WANT GREAT CARE FOR YOUR CHILD THIS FALL?

Before and After School Program

**HELPING HANDS
CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER**
2727 W. Holmes Rd.,
Lansing
(517) 882-8622 for more
info

7:00am till 6:00pm

- Includes breakfast and after-school snack
- Computer Lab available
- Homework help, outdoor play, art projects, board games
- and much, much more
- Occasional field trips
- Bus trip provided to and from school



Choosing your child's Before & After School Program is one of the most important decisions you will ever make.

Give your child a safe and fun haven to stay in touch with old friends and meet new ones. Children will enjoy a fun learning experience and you will enjoy peace of mind throughout your work day. Enroll them NOW!!

ALL elementary – age children are **Welcome!!**

Space Limited. Program is Open on HOLIDAY, BREAK DAYS, SNOW DAYS, & 1/2 SCHOOL DAYS. Beginning to Fill. Call Now!!!

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center

Includes: Before & After Care, Full-time Child Care, Pre-School, Kindergarten Readiness Program, Summer Program, Feeding Program. Call 517-882-8622 for more info



Redeemer Church...

1922-2022

Back on September 26, 1922 Redeemer Church started its journey with Rev. Weiskotten walking the streets of Downtown Lansing, with plans to organize an all-English-speaking Lutheran Congregation.

How did that come about?? He canvassed the East side of downtown Lansing along with the Rev. Alonz R. Garman and soon after that, on August 6, 1922, the first worship service was held in the Y.W.C.A. Parlors, 129 South Capitol Avenue. During that first church service, 8 were present in Sunday school, and 37 were present for the Church service.

Soon after that, due to a high attendance increase, property near Pennsylvania Avenue and Jerome Street was purchased and an old house on the land was remodeled to serve as the congregation's temporary meeting location.

On February 4, 1923, the first service was held in the building with 37 people present. On Palm Sunday, 1923, a class of eight Confirmants were received. Over time, the church continued to grow in its small downtown setting and it experienced various turn-over in its leadership guidance due to constant financial challenges.

However, eventually they were able to call a strong leader/Pastor and with this "New Life" and steady growth came the pressing need for a new church building. The temporary building (the house on Jerome) had become a detriment in doing effective work for the Lord, so, an architect was acquired, and plans were drawn up for a new building. After much planning and hard, visionary work, preliminary estimates and bids were completed and everything was made ready, however due to the financial impact of "the Great Depression," necessary financing could not be achieved and everything was put on hold.

In 1932, a loan of \$375.00 was secured from the Michigan Synod and the old building was again remodeled to enlarge the seating capacity. With this change came the 10th Anniversary of the congregation and a great celebration was held and attended by many. Soon after this current remodeling a record attendance was reached on Sunday, April 21, 1935 with: 135 in Sunday school and 146 in Church. As time went on these records continued to steadily climb and various ministries were begun to care for the needs of the surrounding community.

In 1939, due to a constant increase in members, plans were drawn up by Mr. Charles A. Scheuringer, of Philadelphia, PA., for a new building and estimates were received. The bid for the building was given to Mr. A.R. Foster, a Building Contractor. Final services were held in the old building on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939 with 150 people present. At this service, seventeen children and young people were baptized. During the construction period, services were held in the small auditorium of Eastern High School on North Pennsylvania Avenue.

The cornerstone was laid on June 4, 1939 and on August 6, 1939, 17 years to the day of the first service conducted by Pastor Weiskotten at Redeemer Church, the congregation held its first worship service in the basement of the new edifice.

Dedication services were held on Sunday afternoon, September 17th, 1939 and there were 360 members and guests present. Now the congregation was ready for their next venture of taking the "Good News" of Jesus Christ out into the surrounding community of downtown Lansing near Pennsylvania/ Michigan Ave/Jerome St.

From 1940 through 1958 life was calm and growth was GREAT, so great that Redeemer Church was bursting at the seams again. Yes, they found again that they needed more room and it was during this time, 1950-1960's that the city of Lansing was growing too.

It is because of "out-side" city growth that Lansing had plans for developing I-496, a by-way around the city; a source that would allow folk to travel more quickly to the then growing East and West sides of the city quicker and easier. Also, Oldsmobile was planning on building a car plant near that new express-way and what was then M-99, and what is now, Martin Luther King Blvd. Due to this growth in our city, many people were displaced and removed from the homes they knew and loved. The city of Lansing offered folk in that area an opportunity to move to the South side of Lansing, and area that was just developing. Many of the folk who were renting were given the chance to buy their 1st home at 0% financing. Yes, that is how "Church hill Downs" came into being near Holmes Rd. and Waverly Rd.

It was with all this growth and change that Redeemer went "Land Shopping on the South side of Lansing."

It was then that Pastor George A. Bush prepared the congregation for the next decade of the 60's with his acceptance of a call to Redeemer on February 1, 1959. He began work on April 1, 1959 and served faithfully through July 1, 1967. Under his ministry, the congregation purchased land and relocated to the southwest side of Lansing, at 2727 W. Holmes Road.

For two years, Redeemer again worshiped in a public school. This time it was in the Auditorium of Pleasant Grove School at Holmes Road and Pleasant Grove, just one block from their new location. On Thanksgiving Day, 1962, the congregation moved into their new quarters for their first service of worship.

However, after moving to the South side of Lansing, Redeemer found they had to start over, and figure out who they were as a Church in their new community. WHY? #1). Over 60% of their current members lived in downtown Lansing and walked to work, to the grocery store, to school, and yes, to church. And in the early 1960's Lansing did not have public transportation yet. So, those members who walked, could not travel to the south side of Lansing to come to church. Yes, a lot of Redeemer's active members became "inactive." #2). Also, many churches that existed on the property where I-496 & the Oldsmobile Plant were "re-planted" to the South side of Lansing, along with their members. Because of these re-locations, there was competition for the believers who lived in our local community on the South side. This made it harder to attract people to an unknown church who had just moved into the neighborhood.

It is because of this instability during 1970-1990 that Redeemer found it more difficult to maintain steady, stable leadership or consistency in her surrounding community. And it is because of this struggle that she lost her ability to grow or share the "Good News" of our Lord as faithfully as she could have or would have liked.

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Are there ways to keep kids safe during mealtime (school lunchtime, etc.)?

Yes. Schools can require masks and distancing in food service lines, keep students at least six feet apart when eating, and have them put masks back on after eating. Schools also can add more ventilation and use outdoor space.

What if a child develops symptoms at school?

If a child has symptoms at school, they should be picked up right away so that they can isolate. The CDC also recommends that parents arrange for a COVID-19 test. It is very important that children not attend in-person school when they have signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

What is the recommendation for isolation and return to school for a student with COVID??

Isolation for 5 days is recommended by the CDC. In these circumstances, testing may be available through the school or your child's pediatrician. In the absence of a test, students who have symptoms should isolate for five days. On Day 6, students who are free of symptoms and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication can return with proper and consistent use of face masks for an additional five days.

Why is safe "in-person" school so important?

The benefits of "in-person" school are much greater than the risks in almost every other way of trying to teach a student. Schools are a safe, stimulating, and enriching place to be while parents or guardians are working.

Families, schools, and communities can work together to help ensure students can safely remain physically together in school, where they need to be. This includes making sure everyone who is eligible gets the COVID-19 vaccine, influenza vaccine and other routine childhood and adolescent vaccines. It means wearing a face mask, staying home when we are sick and doing what we can to keep others safe around us. When everyone does their part, the whole community wins!!

"Redeemer's History" Cont. from Last Page...

After approximately 20 years of challenging times, many Pastors, and a vacancy in the year 1991, Pastor Jan Hite joined up with Redeemer's ministry team. The Rev. Dr. Janice Hite, a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and L.S.T.C. in Chicago began her call at Redeemer on September 3, 1991. The Ordination of Pastor Hite was celebrated at University Lutheran Church, East Lansing, on Sunday, August 11, 1991. Pastor Jan brought with her the ability to heal the pains of the past and many needed visions and dreams--that have since come ALIVE!

YES...Since the year 1991 we have developed a Mission that is grounded in our Mission Statement, **"Making Christ Known through Our Helping Hands."** Through the empowerment of the "Good News" of Jesus Christ our "Helping Hands" have become active within our community in various ways, great ways that have touched and changed the lives of many around us forever.

Currently in 2022, Our "Helping Hands" Are Active in Our Community By...

Sharing God Through Word & Action			
Helping Hands School	Bible Study	Taco Dinners	Summer Picnic
-Infant Care -Child Care	Ice Cream Social	Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Loaves & Fishes Homeless Care
-Pre School -After School Care	Trunk & Treats	Easter Egg Hunts	Various Educational Events
-Kindergarten Readiness	Local Food Banks	Clothe A Child	Emergency Needs
-Summer Program			And More....



**A place you can call
home**

God, along with Pastor Jan Hite, various church and community leaders and members of Redeemer continue to lead us into the future and open doors for our next ventures that will better the lives of those around us who depend on Redeemer for a safe life--one that keeps them growing spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Our current undertakings that promise GROWTH for many are: #1) an "Outdoor Learning Center" that will be used by both "Helping Hands Learning Center" and our Surrounding Community, (to be completed in the spring of 2023). #2). An addition to our current church which will house a new worship center, fellowship hall, kitchen and office area, with plans to renovate our current site into a complete School for "Helping Hands."

Currently we find ourselves on a journey whose purpose is to reach out into our community and use our "helping hands" so that more around us can come to know the love of God. We pray that you have been touched by someone's "helping hands" at Redeemer or "Helping Hands" and that the love of God has moved you to want to be a part of our church/community's family in some special way.

May you find a way to join us in sharing in a mutual relationship with God through the various activities listed above. And may your "Helping Hands" become more active in caring for others and the world around you.

May God Bless You and Yours Each and Every Day...

-Pastor Jan Hite and The People of Redeemer & Helping Hands

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*Please deliver by:
August 10, 2022*

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Sat. Aug.
27
3-6 pm

What's Happening at Redeemer...

We invite you to visit us. **You are welcome here!** We are people of God who give ourselves freely and joyfully to God, to one another and to others. This community witnesses to a God who is active in the world. *We proclaim God's active love for all people: poor and rich; people of all cultures and races; women, men, children, younger, older, single, married, divorced, widowed, those of all lifestyles, blended families, single-parent households, ... are welcome!* You are invited to meet this community that seeks to reflect God's open and loving embrace.

SUNDAY MORNINGS Praise Time!



Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
Adult Study begins, 9/14, 7:00p.m.

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

**ALL ARE ENCOURAGED
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WE ARE A DIVERSE AND
WELCOMING COMMUNITY.**

- ⇒ Mayor's Senior Fair, 8/11, 9am-2pm
- ⇒ Loaves & Fishes, 8/16
- ⇒ Mobile Food Pantry, 8/20
- ⇒ Council Mtg. 8/21
- ⇒ Summer Program Ends, 8/26
- ⇒ Ice Cream Social, 8/27
- ⇒ Outdoor Worship, 8/28, 10am, 100th Anniversary Celebration Begins, *See Pg. 3
- ⇒ Lansing School District Begins, 8/29
- ⇒ Labor Day, 9/5, School & Church Offices Closed
- ⇒ Before/After School Prog. Starts, 9/6
- ⇒ New Adult Study Starts, 9/14
- ⇒ Helping Hands Board Mtg., 9/22

**Here's what's
happening!**



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**There is something for
Everyone at Redeemer &
Helping Hands...**

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Join Us When You Can!!!