

Helping Hands

Oct./Nov. 2026

For the South Side of Lansing

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

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

We will hold this event in our front parking lot **on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6-8pm.** Our cars will be lined up with trunks open, ready to serve our community's "Goblins" with oodles of candy. All are welcome to bring their cars and share in the fun. We have plenty of candy for you to share. **Please join us on 10/31.**

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 12, 2026
6:00 —7:30pm

Suggested Cost:

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

Children \$5 (age 10 and under)

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

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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
Tom Jones, Minister of Music
Danielle Greene, Violin
Duane Leininger, Guitar
Caleb Crouch, Bass
Various School Teachers
Rachelle Williams, School Director
Sandra Walker, Council President
Vickie Crouch, Child Care Board 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

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Nov. 20, 2026

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Vogt	Oct. 05
Gavi Zimba	Oct. 06
Mary Ann Wilson	Oct. 07
Howard Vogt	Oct. 13
Jeff Sand	Oct. 17

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Duane & Gina Leininger	Oct. 04
Annette & George Zimba	Oct. 25

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Annette Zimba	Nov. 08
Danielle Green	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!**

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?? 35 YEARS!!

I want to thank all members of Redeemer, Helping Hands, Family and Friends for the great celebration of my 35 years at Redeemer Church. How quickly time has passed.

It has been an honor to serve both you, God and this community.

We have accomplished so much together and we have so much more to do.

May God be with us as we move forward for the sake of God and His Good News.

Again, Thank You for standing with me and for the wonderful Day!!

-Pastor Jan Hite





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.

Spotlight on Young Years in Christian Preschool: *Playing, Learning, and Growing in God's love*

There's something special about a preschool's mission that can be summed up in three simple things: **play, learn, and grow in God's love.**

That's the heart of Young Years Christian Preschool in Kennewick, Washington, where those three ideas shape the everyday experience for students and staff.

Earlier this year, we had the absolute pleasure of hearing from Abby Hays, former director of Young Years Christian Preschool, who shared a little more about what makes the school special, what they've been working on, and how being part of the ELEA community has supported them along the way.



A Place to Play, Learn and Grow

For Young Years, preparing children for school is only part of the picture. Their approach brings together academic learning and hands-on activities to help children build skills and confidence they can carry with them beyond the classroom. And at the center of it all is a mission that the preschool comes back to each day. *"To Play, To Learn, To Grow in God's Love."* We strive to live by this mission statement each and every day at Young Years Christian Preschool.

Making Life a Little Easier for Families

Not every meaningful improvement at a school happens in the classroom. For Young Years, one of their recent wins has been moving their registration process online. The change has made registration faster and more efficient for families, and it's already getting a positive response.

Providing this feature on our website has allowed for a faster and more efficient registration process. Our families love it!

Proof that even a small change really can make everyone's day a little easier!

Finding Community in the Challenges

Young Years has also spent the last few years working to grow enrollment, something many early childhood programs can relate to.

Through the ELEA website's group chats, Abby and the Young Years community have been able to connect with other programs working through similar challenges. Those conversations have provided a place to compare ideas, find encouragement, and remember that they aren't the only ones figuring things out as they go.

Having access to group chats through the ELEA website has been extremely insightful as we have worked to increase our enrollment numbers over the last few years. Seeing that other programs were also experiencing the same challenges helped us to stay positive and find creative ways to adjust our program to meet the needs of our community.

Support Beyond the Classroom

The connection with ELEA has also been useful for some of the behind-the-scenes work that comes with running a preschool. Young Years has turned to ELEA resources while updating some of their processes. Those resources have given them practical support as they continue to shape and strengthen their program.

The ELEA has been a great resource for us while we worked on updating our guiding documents and job descriptions for our preschool program.

What's Next for Young Years?

There's plenty to look forward to as Young Years heads into another school year!

At the time, the preschool was in the process of hiring a new Preschool Director. As they moved through that transition, they looked towards ELEA's professional development and training opportunities. They also hope to attend an ELEA conference in the future and are looking forward to using the ELEA Chapel Guide during the upcoming school year!

At ALL Learning Centers growth isn't just about getting ready for the next grade. It's about giving children a place where they can **play, discover, learn, and grow surrounded by God's love.**

And for Helping Hands community, that simple mission continues to guide the work we do each day: **To Play. To Learn. To Grow—in God's Love.**

What's Happening

October/November

October 16- LSD No School
October 30- LSD Half Day
October 30- Holly Park No School
October 31- Halloween
October 31- Redeemer Ch. Trunk & Treat, 6-8pm
November 01- Daylight Savings Time, *Fall Back
November 03- Picture Day, *Learning Center
November 03- LSD No Sch.
November 12- Taco Dinner
November 13- Holly Park No Sch.
November 19- Thanksgiving Feast, Learning Ctr.
November 23-27- No Sch.
November 26-27- Center Closed

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 31 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

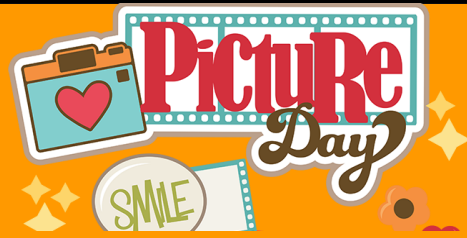
Happy Birthday's

Derrick S.	10/02
Miss Kristina	10/02
Dailani R.	10/08
Alexander B.	10/26
Driah P.	10/29
Asmund V.	11/02
Jordan G.	11/02
Lyla J.	11/04
Daniel R.	11/06
Zyon F.	11/19
E'mya M.	11/24
Miss Kathy	11/28
Miss Lucilla	11/29



Staff Anniversary's

Ms. Rachelle	10/9/2023
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DON'T FORGET...

November 3rd is Fall Picture Day.

This is a time for your little ones to get their pictures taken for "Christmas Presents."

Put this date on your calendars if you haven't already, and remember if you have more than one child at HHCLC you could try and arrange to have your children photographed together.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, 11/3.

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- 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: *Saturday, October 31, 2026*
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.



Come join others for a wonderful event, **Saturday Oct. 31, 6-8 pm.** So, spread the news about this happenig—and invite all your children's friends, neighbors and family!!

Voting Is Important...

Remember this year's voting sets the tone for all is to come for the next year or two. ELECTION DAY is coming up, Tuesday, November 3rd. 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.** If you need help, visit our City Clerk Office At: 701 W. Jolly Rd., Lansing, 48910, (517) 483-4131.

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

REMEMBER TO VOTE

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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 1st @ 2:00am

So turn your clock back, Saturday night, 10/31, before you go to bed.

Yes, you get an extra hour of sleep!!!



"Thanksgiving Baskets...For the Needy"

This year Redeemer Church and Helping Hands will be providing 15 food baskets for those in need in our community during the Thanksgiving season.



The "Sign-Up" Sheets for food items will soon be up in the Entrance Areas of the church and school. Please sign up to bring food items or donate \$10 toward this worthy cause. If you are NOT attending church, but would like to donate food items, you can call the church/child care OR email Pastor Jan at janhite@sbcglobal.net and see what items are needed. Call, 882-8000. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Many families in our community continue to struggle due to our fluctuating economy and increased food costs 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/school by **Sunday, November 22 at 11:00am.** 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, please call Christian Service soon @ 517-394-5411

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another and to others. This community
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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 life-
styles, blended families, single-parent
households, ... all are welcome! You are invited
to meet this community that seeks to reflect
God's open and loving embrace.

***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...

- ⇒ **Columbus Day, 10/12**
- ⇒ **Church Council Mtg., 10/18**
- ⇒ **Loaves & Fishes, 10/20**
- ⇒ **Halloween, All Day, 10/31**
- ⇒ **Trunk & Treat @ Redeemer Ch, 10/31, 6-8pm**
- ⇒ **Reformation Day, 10/31**
- ⇒ **All Saints Day, 11/01**
- ⇒ **Daylights Savings Time, 11/01, *Set Clock Back @ 2:00am**
- ⇒ **Fall Picture Day, 11/03, *Learning Center Only**
- ⇒ **Election Day, 11/03, *Remember to Vote**
- ⇒ **Church Clean Up Day, 11/07**
- ⇒ **Veteran's Day, 11/11**
- ⇒ **Taco Dinner, 11/12, 6-7:30pm, *All Invited**
- ⇒ **Church Council, 11/15**
- ⇒ **Loaves & Fishes, 11/17**
- ⇒ **Drop off Food for Thanksgiving Baskets, 11/22 by 11:00am, *Assemble Baskets & Deliver**
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Day, 11/26**
- ⇒ **Both School & Church Closed, 11/26-11/27**
- ⇒ **HHCLC Bd. Mtg. 12/03**
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