

Helping Hands

Oct./Nov. 2025

For the South Side of Lansing

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Trunk-or-Treat
Friday, 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 **on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 6-8pm.** 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 13, 2025
6:00 —7:30pm

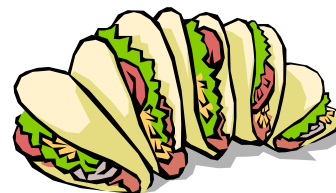
Suggested Cost:

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517-882-8622 (child care voice)
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517-980-6250 (emergency #)
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www.hhclearningcenter.com
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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
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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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Editors: Rachelle Williams and Pr. Jan Hite

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Nov. 20, 2025

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



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

Annette & George Zimba	Oct. 25
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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!**

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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.

Asking Children By Using Questions

Asking children questions is a way to guide them toward healthy behaviors by helping them think about what they do—and what effect they have on others. Over the course of many years, children who receive lots of gentle reminders—often in the form of questions—develop the ability to think about behaviors before doing them. For families, it can be hard to remain patient and calm as a toddler grabs a toy from a playmate or a 5-year-old throws a snack she doesn't like on the floor. It can be tempting to punish children to quickly put a stop to their behavior—but punishment often teaches children little about better alternative behaviors and it runs the risk of emotional harm.

What just happened here? is an excellent question after a child's behavior has caused a problem (e.g., maybe he has just knocked over a lamp while running in the house). It is important that he not be afraid that he will be punished when you ask the question, as that fear may limit a child's ability to think. The child will not be afraid if the relationship with the caregiver has been gentle throughout the child's experiences and never (or rarely!) impatient with her learning from mistakes. Many people think that a child is getting away with something if we don't punish them, but thinking about the behavior develops the improved behaviors far better than punishment would have.

Asking a question *before* an action is also an excellent way to encourage good behaviors. For example, when getting a child dressed for going outside, asking *Is it going to be cold outside?* is a more helpful and thought-provoking than simply telling him to put his coat on.

Asking a child about his behavior can stop

the behavior *as it is happening* and get him to think about it. The best questions are ones that require more than a yes-or-no answer. *Here are some examples.*

- *What problems are there when you run in the house?*
- *What happens when you grab your sister's doll away from her?*
- *What do you see on the table that might easily spill?*
- *Why is it healthy for you to brush your teeth?*
- *What are the good behavior ideas we came up with for going to the store?*

The feelings we express when we question children are very important. Children know when we are upset with them. If we display anger or irritation, they may feel anxiety or fear—and that's when they aren't doing their best thinking. But if we can stay calm and warm as we ask these guiding questions, we'll see that troublesome behaviors end more quickly and become less common.

Asking children open-ended questions starts a conversation—and builds a relationship—and it even helps develop children's brains. Asking them open-ended questions that help them think about how they want to behave, supports reflection, and increases self-control over time.

Take time to have "open-ended conversations" with your children, ask questions and see where it may lead.

—Jack Wright



What's Happening

October/November

10/17th—Holly Park & LSD No School
10/31st—LSD Half Day
10/31st—HHCLC Harvest Party
10/31st—Redeemer Church Trunk & Treat, 6-8pm
11/3rd—Learning Center Picture Day
11/4th—LSD No School
11/14th—Taco Dinner
11/14th—Holly Park No School
11/24th—LSD No School
11/26th—28th—Holly Park & LSD No School—Thanksgiving Break
11/28th—29th—HHCLC Closed

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 29 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!

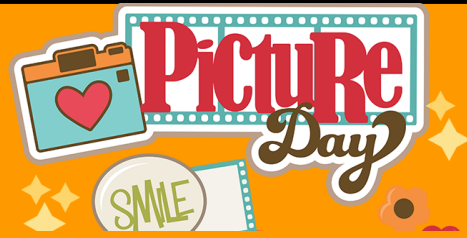


Happy Birthday To You... October/November

Ms. Kristina	10/02
Gavi Z.	10/06
Rachel C.	10/19
Alexandar B.	10/26
Driah Potter-Torres	10/29
Asmund V.	11/02
Ms. Anjolie	11/03
Kane A.	11/04
Lyla J.	11/04
Daniel R.	11/06
Ms. Carla	11/22
Ms. Kathy	11/28
Ms. Lucila	11/29



Staff Anniversary's
Ms. Rachelle 10/9/2023



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.

Marked your calendar for Monday, 11/3.

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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: *Friday, October 31, 2025*
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, **Friday 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 23 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 LOCAL ELECTION DAY coming up, Tuesday, November 4th. 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.
Info available at: lansingvotes.gov

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Taco Dinner...

Date: *Thursday, November 13, 2025*
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 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 2nd @ 2:00am

So turn your clock back, Saturday night, 11/1, before you go to bed. **Yes, you get an extra hour of sleep!!!**



OPENINGS...

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center
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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., 10/19
- ⇒ Loaves & Fishes, 10/21
- ⇒ Halloween, All Day, 10/31
- ⇒ Reformation Day, 10/31
- ⇒ Trunk & Treat @ Redeemer Ch, 10/31, 6-8pm
- ⇒ All Saints Day, 11/01
- ⇒ Fall Picture Day, 11/03
- ⇒ Election Day, 11/04, **Remember to Vote*
- ⇒ HHCLC Board Mtg. 11/06
- ⇒ Veteran's Day, 11/11
- ⇒ Next Taco Dinner, 11/14, 6-7:30pm, **All Invited*
- ⇒ Church Council Mtg., 11/16
- ⇒ Loaves & Fishes, 11/18
- ⇒ Drop off Food for Thanksgiving Baskets, 11/23 by 11:30am. Assembly & Deliver that day.
- ⇒ Happy Thanksgiving Day, 11/27
- ⇒ Both School & Church Closed, 11/27-11/28

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