

# PASTOR Zahrte's Weekly Update

MAY 8, 2025



*a message worth sharing...*

## UNSEEN: The Reality of Spiritual Warfare The Battle Within

This week, we continue our series "Unseen" and once again look at the battle inside us, a battle waged by us. As humans, there are plenty of things that we do or say or think that we don't like. Trying to change those areas of our life on our own leads only to failure and frustration. This weekend, we will learn how, when we trust in God's power and presence, we can succeed and win the battle within.

YT AMOUNT GIVEN		YTD AMOUNT SPENT	
Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
\$1,558,340	\$1,699,479	\$1,520,491	\$1,501,095

School finances not included.

*exciting news...*

We have hired **John Bunting** as our new **Director of Worship**. He joins our team on May 13 and brings 10 years of experience to this position. He will coordinate staff and volunteers who provide programs and services designed to make the highest quality worship experience for our members and guests for traditional, blended, and contemporary worship services. Some of his responsibilities include the leading, managing, and scheduling of our technical teams, worship assistants, altar guild/communion set-up teams, and prayer warriors. John will also work alongside our creative planning team for special services and collaborate with our creative media specialist regarding worship series graphics and design. John and his wife, Keri, reside in Elyria with their 7 children. They look forward to joining our family and becoming members of Royal Redeemer!

Roy Napoli will continue to serve as our Contemporary Worship Leader and Jen Manthey as our Traditional Music Leader.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sign up to register and/or volunteer online at:  
**ROYRED.ORG/VBS**

*events & opportunities...*

### MAY

- 8 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm
- 9 RRLS Fun Run
- 10 King's Men service project at Hope Center
- 11 NO Redeemer Kids or nursery
- 15 Royal Seniors lunch & music bingo event, 12pm
- 16/17 H.A.R.P. mission weekend
- 18 HeavenTrain bus visiting Redeemer Kids, during 9:30am service  
There{4} viewing party, Session 2, 1-3pm, multi-ministry room [Register here](#)
- HS youth group, 7-8:30pm (last one 'til fall)
- 19 Preschool graduations, 6-8pm
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Redeemer Creations (knit & crochet), 7pm
- 22 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm  
DR eyeglass & medical mission team mtg, 7pm
- 23 RRLS last day of preschool  
Photos due for Senior Spotlight [Register here](#)
- 25 NO Redeemer Kids or nursery
- 26 Memorial Day, church & school closed
- 28 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Summit Night, 7-8:30pm [Register here](#)
- 30 RRLS last day of school  
Scene 75 family fun night

### JUNE

- 1 VBS junior volunteer training, 11am (mandatory)
- 3 Senior spotlight recognition weekend
- 4 Cane's fundraiser, 4-10pm, proceeds support Youth Gathering attendees
- 5 2026 DR mission trip info mtg, 7pm
- 8 Annual voter's meeting, Sanctuary, 12:30pm
- 12 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm
- 16 VBS begins
- 22 VBS come-back Sunday
- 23 Monday Word summer sessions begin
- 26 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm
- 29 King's Men cornhole tournament

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