

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:15am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry / Youth Ministry
11:00am	DW	Worship Service
11:00am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry
11:00am	DW	Seeker's Bible Study - Meeting Room

MONDAY • DECEMBER 4

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 5

10am-2pm	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7:00pm	DW	Food Pantry
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Middle School Youth Group - end door

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 6

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting Room - door 4*
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 7

10:00am	DW	Assemble Homeless Bags - Gym - door 5*
5:30pm	DW	#BeTheChurch Event - Gym - door 5*
6:30pm	DW	MOPS/MOMSnext - door 3*

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 8 - Office Closed

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 9 - Building Closed

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 10

2nd Sunday in Advent

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:15am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry / Youth Ministry
11:00am	DW	Worship Service
11:00am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry
11:00am	DW	Seeker's Bible Study - Meeting Room
5:00-7:00pm	DW	Journey to Bethlehem - door 4*

Key: DW—DeWitt; SJ—St. Johns; ON—Online; All—Both Campuses

*Door numbers refer to the large white numbers on the building's exterior, above each outside door.

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DeWitt (Main Office)

13980 Schavey Rd
DeWitt, MI 48820

517-669-3430

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm

Sunday Services:

8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am

Online: 9:30am (FB & YouTube)

St. Johns

200 E State St.
St. Johns, MI 48879

989-224-6859

Office Hours:

Tue & Wed: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday Service:

9:30am

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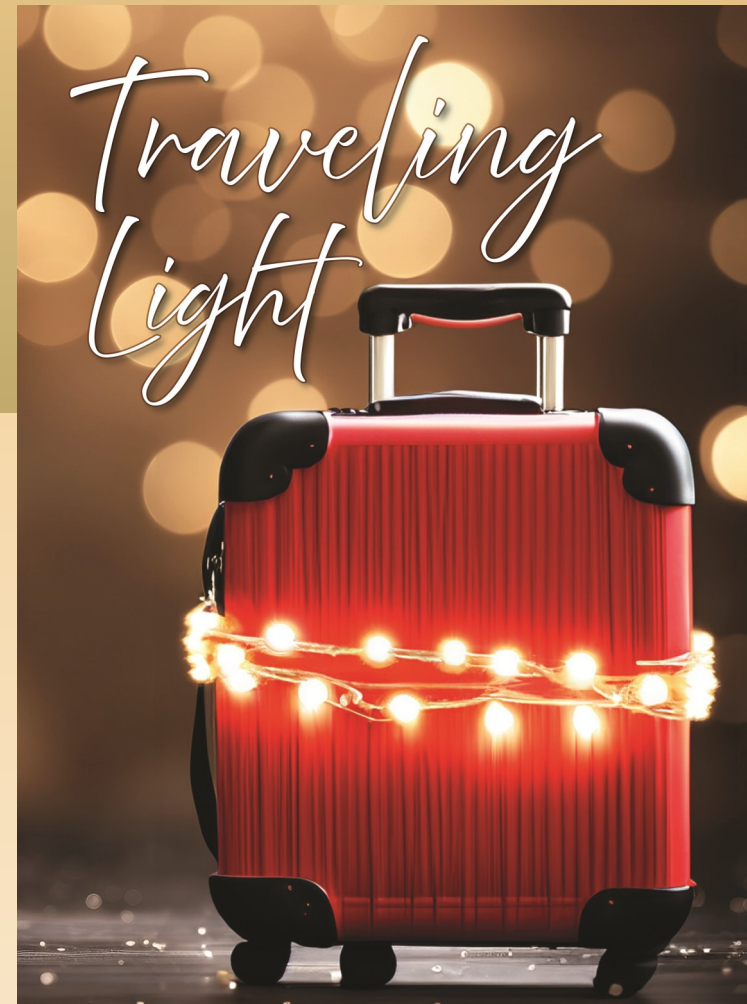
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Message: LET GO OF STUFF

December 3, 2023

Text: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

Pew Bible page: 1000

CHECK IN

You are important to us. Guests and members, let us know you are here or leave a prayer request by filling out the connection card in the pew and dropping it in one of the boxes in the back of the worship center. You may also check in online through our app or by scanning this QR code or by visiting: myredeemer.church/connect



WELCOME TO REDEEMER CHURCH

check in! →

Whether you're at one of our campuses, online, new, or here all the time, be sure to sign-in on a pew card or on the Redeemer app! You can also share prayer request, ask questions, and more.



Take a step back in time to Bethlehem, on the night of Jesus' birth. With a Christmas concert by our Redeemer Kids Chorus to start our evening - you'll be sure to feel the joy and wonder as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- A fun family night! (crafts are geared toward toddler to 5th grade)
- Invite a friend
- Volunteers, please sign up [HERE](#)
- Food donation slips in the lobby today

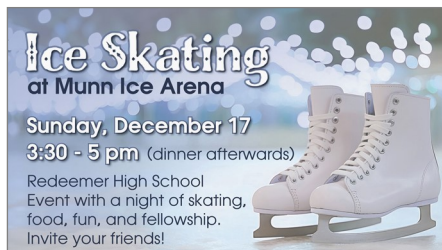


INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU THIS CHRISTMAS EVE

- DeWitt - 3, 5, & 7pm (Afternoon services only)
- St. Johns - 9:30am (Morning service only)

SERVICE TIMES FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DECEMBER 31, 2023

- DeWitt - 8:15 & 9:30am
- St. Johns - 9:30am



Redeemer High School Youth is hosting a night of skating, food, and fun at MSU Munn Ice Arena on Sunday, December 17, with skating from 3:30 – 5 pm and dinner afterwards at Brody Hall. Bring your friends!

- Meet at Munn Arena
- Skate rental available at Munn
- All fees for the evening will be covered by Redeemer
- More details as they become available



VOLUNTEER SIGNUP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- Services at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00pm
- Greeters, Ushers, or Information Center Hostesses
- Sign up at the information counter or email [SANDY](#)

With your help, Christmas Eve Services at Redeemer will be a warm, welcoming, joyful experience for all who come.



- Join us as we provide Christmas blessings for 41 families this year!
- Simply pick an ornament from the tree in the lobby, shop for the item, and return the gift wrapped with the tag secured!
- Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 17th.
- If you don't have time to shop but would like to participate - monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office, given [ONLINE](#) at or through the mobile app.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Starting in January we will have several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities!!

- From seed sorting at Greater Lansing Food Bank, sorting clothes at St Vincent DePaul, and more!
- Signup [HERE](#) or on our mobile app under SIGN-UPS

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

We have several Christmas events this year. Please [SIGNUP](#) here.

- Clinton County Toys for Tots (Mon, 12/11)
- Moving Giving Tree Gifts (Fri, 12/15)
- Handing out kid Christmas bags at the Cardboard Prophet Christmas (Sat, 12/16)
- Distributing Giving Tree Gifts (Thurs, 12/21)



In case of inclement weather, Redeemer Church will follow the same schedule as DeWitt Public Schools.

If school is dismissed early or closed for the day due to weather, all day and evening activities at Redeemer Church will be cancelled.

- This includes closing the Food Pantry
- Notices will be sent via our E-News subscribers and posted on Facebook page
- Sunday morning Worship will be held if at all possible
- However, in the event that extreme weather or power outages force us to cancel services, the same notifications will go out.

2023 YEAR END GIFT

Year-end is a perfect time to take stock and reflect on our many blessings including God's greatest gift to us, His Son, Jesus Christ. Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving – it may be the most important gift you give. All year end gifts received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023 will be entered as a charitable gift in 2023. Please note the church office is closed on Friday, December 29 but donations can be dropped off in the office until Thursday, December 28 before 4:30pm.

To make a gift, simply use any envelope in your monthly mailing or mark any pew envelope with 'Year End Gift'. A gift can also be made through the mobile app or under the [GIVE TAB](#) on our website. Thank you for your support.



MESSAGE: LET GO OF STUFF

NIV VERSION

1 Timothy 6:17-19

PEW BIBLE PAGE 1000

BIG IDEA: LESS OF WHAT DOESN'T MATTER - MORE OF WHAT DOES

GETTING STARTED

What's something you want that you don't need? What's something you have that you don't need?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ecclesiastes 4:6. How would you describe some specific examples of "chasing after the wind?"
2. Have you ever believed an item, an amount of money, or a job would make you happy? How did that pan out?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12. How easy it is for you to allow someone to help you? Or, to let someone know that you need help? Where would you be spiritually were it not for the help of others?
4. Read I Timothy 6:17-19. Which part of these commands are you doing well at? Which part do you want to grow in?
5. What does "one handful living" mean to you? How do you find peace and meaning during the Advent/Christmas season?
6. Share some specific examples in your life of how you can "Travel Light": pass items on, buy less, and give more. What would help you to do this?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Jesus, you are so much more than we could ever want or need. You are more than enough. We need your strength to let go of all the extras we try to pack into our lives. Show us the first step to a one-handful life, full of your presence and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Matthew 19:16-24. What appears to be this young man's view on how one obtains eternal life? Had the man truly loved his neighbor? How do you know? What have you given up to follow Jesus? How is your life different as a result?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

DECEMBER 3, 2023

"Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind." Ecc. 4:6

"Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this, they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."

I Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

MY NOTES: