

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MARCH 12

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-12
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30 & 11am	DW	Nursery
11:00am	DW	Worship
11:00am	DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-8
11:00am	DW	Confirmation Class in the BRIDGE room
11:00am	DW	Seekers Bible Study - Meeting room - Join us!
6:00-7:30pm	DW	High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5

MONDAY MARCH 13

TUESDAY MARCH 14

10am-2pm	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7pm	DW	Food Pantry
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Middle School Youth Group - Gym
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Luke Thompson Bible Study - door 4

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
2:30-4:30pm	DW	Open Gym - door 5
6:30pm	DW	Congregation Care Min. Meeting - door 4
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY MARCH 16

6:30pm	DW	Huntley Small Group - HS Room - door 4
6:30pm	DW	MOPS/MOMS Next - Multipurpose Rm - door 3
7:00pm	DW	Trustees - HSM Room - Door 4

FRIDAY MARCH 17

9:30am	DW	Kahl/Smith Small Group - Mtg. Rm - door 4
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SATURDAY MARCH 18 - Building Closed

SUNDAY MARCH 19

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-12
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
9:30 & 11am	DW	Nursery
11:00am	DW	Worship
11:00am	DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-8
11:00am	DW	Confirmation Sunday
11:00am	DW	Seekers Bible Study - Meeting room - Join us!
5:00pm	DW	Youth Parent Meeting - Gym - Door 5
6:00-7:30pm	DW	High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5

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

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DeWitt (Main Office)

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Office Hours:

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

Sunday Services:

In-person:

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

Online: 9:30am (FB & YouTube)

St. Johns

200 E State St.
St. Johns, MI 48879

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Office Hours:

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

Sunday Service:

9:30am

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Jesus' Teachings for Today's People

MESSAGE: *A Third Way*

Matthew 5:38-45

March 12, 2023

Pew Bible pg. 803

Welcome to worship!

We are so grateful that you are here today. This month, we are in a message series called “Jesus’ Teachings for Today’s People.” We are studying Jesus’ longest message—the Sermon on the Mount—in Matthew chapters 5-7. Last week, we looked at the topic of resisting temptation and finding strength in Christ. This week, we unpack Jesus’ words regarding dealing with anger and learning to let go.

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](http://myredeemer.church/connect)



Announcements

CONFIRMATION CLASS

March 19 at the 11 am service

Join us next Sunday morning at 11:00am as we celebrate confirmation for 8 of Redeemer's Youth Ministry students.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - COFFEE HOUR SET-UP

A behind the scenes ministry. Volunteers make coffee, lemonade and ice tea according to simple instructions and set supplies out on the refreshment tables in the lobby. Each set-up session takes roughly an hour to go through the steps and then time to monitor beverages through Sunday morning. On the job training is provided and there are instruction sheets available in the kitchen to further assist in the ease of this ministry. This ministry operates on a rotating schedule and you will serve once a month.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP

Another behind the scenes ministry. Volunteers clean up coffee containers and supplies then stack everything neatly. This can be done either after the last Sunday service at noon or first thing Monday morning. Clean-up should be finished by Monday afternoon so that our building is ready for the various uses and guests that it sees throughout the week. Training is available. Each clean-up session takes roughly an 1 hour. This ministry operates on a rotating schedule and you will serve once a month. Stop at the Information Center, or contact [Susan](#) to volunteer.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE INFORMATION

We are excited about our Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP) Bed Building event on Saturday, April 22, as we partner with SHP to help make beds for local kids. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**; sign up online - Ages 12 and up with an adult. There are two different bed-building shifts, and lunch will be provided after the morning shift. Feel free to spend the day with us by signing up for both shifts, or join for just one! We are looking for donations of chips, pop, and other items. See our website for all the details and the sign-ups. Thank you to everyone who gave financially to make this event possible, helping us fulfill the SHP's "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town" mission! We are excited to be doubling the number of beds from last year – this year's goal is 80 beds.



WOW!!!

#bethechurch1000 was an amazing event last Sunday, be sure to check out the Redeemer Outreach #bethechurch Facebook page for pictures! Thank you to everyone who participated, prayed, and provided assistance for the event! With all the items we were able to bless several 1000's of people and help connect them to the love and life of Jesus Christ. If you would like to participate in on a monthly basis more activities similar to these, check out Redeemer's website Outreach page for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have several #bethechurch volunteer opportunities that are currently available in the daytime and evening for a variety of ages – if interested in learning more, please visit the mobile app under SIGN-UPS and see #bethechurch or the Redeemer [website](#).

FAMILY MINISTRIES

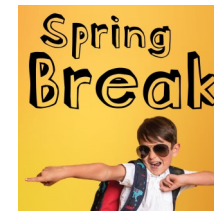
CHRISTIAN CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FROM REDEEMER

Redeemer Church realizes the value of students attending Christian Camps and supports that by offering a \$100 scholarship to any student attending Redeemer that applies for the scholarship. This fund is supported by donations of caring individuals who share this vision with Redeemer.

You can pick up a scholarship form from the Information Center or download one from our [website](#).

FAMILY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR SPRING BREAK

Mark your calendar; DeWitt public school's Spring Break begins on March 23. Beginning Sunday, March 26, our Kids and Youth Ministries will take a Spring Break also and will not have classes. We will resume regular classes and groups on Palm Sunday, April 2.



YOUTH MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENT

We wanted to let you know that Sam and Megan Anderson, our Youth Directors, are feeling called in another direction that will fit their family situation better. They will finish their time here at Redeemer next Sunday, March 12. We have appreciated their time and investment in our youth over the past year and pray a blessing upon them in this next chapter. We will continue the current youth programs with our amazing volunteers until a new director can be secured. Pastor Debbie will be holding a Youth Parents' Meeting on Sunday, March 19 from 5-6pm. Feel free to attend and provide your input and feedback for the future.



A Third Way

Matthew 5:38-45; Pew Bible page 803

Big Idea: FIND THE THIRD WAY IN THE SITUATION

GETTING STARTED

What teacher, coach, or other person taught you a lot about attitude and character?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the original intent of 'eye for eye' and 'tooth for tooth'? (Ex.21:24; Lev.24:17-20)
2. What qualities does Jesus say should replace desires for revenge?
3. What characteristic is to distinguish a Christian from a non-Christian? What actions demonstrate this characteristic? (v.43-47)
4. What is your initial reaction to vs.48? What challenge is Jesus presenting to you?
5. Since turning your life over to Jesus, what effect has this had on your ability to love others—even those who hurt you?
6. When it comes to making things right with others, who comes to mind? What steps could you take this week to reconcile with that person?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for these powerful examples of what it means to love those who hurt us. Help us to forgive when needed, to stand up when needed, to do all things with respect and love. You give us this third way to love. Help us to do it well. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Matthew 5:38-48. What is Jesus' main point in this section? How are Christians called to live differently than others around us? Think of an example of a time when it was a real struggle for you to love someone because he/she hurt you. How did you get through it? Offer your thanks to God

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

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"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."

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MY NOTES: