

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY APRIL 16

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

### MONDAY APRIL 17

6:00pm	DW	Plarn Making in the Gym - door 5
6:30pm	DW	New Member Class - Meeting rm - door 4

### TUESDAY APRIL 18

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 APRIL 19

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
<del>2:30-4:30</del>	<del>DW</del>	<b>NO Open Gym</b>
6:00pm	DW	#BTC First Aid Kits - Meeting room - door 4
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

### THURSDAY APRIL 20

6:30pm	DW	MOPS/MOMS Next - Multi. Rm - door 3
7:00pm	DW	Trustee Meeting - HSM rm - door 4

### FRIDAY APRIL 21

9:30am	DW	Kahl/Smith Sm. Grp. - Meeting rm - door 4
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### SATURDAY APRIL 22

8:45am-3:00pm	DW	<b>Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Bed Build Day!</b>
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8:15am	DW	Worship Service
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Key: DW—DeWitt; SJ—St. Johns; ON—Online; All—All Campuses



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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:

In-person:

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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# Imagine

## THE POSSIBILITIES

MESSAGE: *What If...We Invest in God's Economy?*  
Matthew 25:14-29

April 16, 2023  
Pew Bible pg. 823

*Welcome to Worship! We are so grateful  
that you have joined us for worship.*

Today, we start a brand-new message series called "Imagine the Possibilities." We are looking at the question: What if? So many times, that phrase can strike fear in our minds as we think of all the things that could go wrong in our world. But what if the question isn't as much about fear, but about possibility? This morning, we look at the question: "What if...we invest in God's economy?" and envision what God can do through us if we truly trust Him with what He has given to us.

#### 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](https://myredeemer.church/connect)



# Announcements

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Celebration Sunday will be held on May 7. It is a day we celebrate together and offer our gifts to God. During the days leading up to this event, it is a time for each family to pause and reflect upon the infinite gifts and blessings that God has poured into our personal lives and the mission of Redeemer Church this past year and look ahead to how we “Imagine the Possibilities” in 2023. It is an opportunity to express our faith and commitment to Christ and invest in the work of His church. In addition to a time of prayer and reflection, we demonstrate our faith by making a tangible financial commitment, by filling out a commitment card, to support our mission, “To connect people with the love and life of Jesus Christ.” It is a time to remember that we are blessed by God in order that we may be a blessing to others. We encourage you to “Imagine the Possibilities” and be a part of what God is doing at Redeemer Church. Please take a moment to fill out the [RSVP card](#), drop it one of in the offering boxes this morning, then join us for the Celebration Brunch in the gym May 7.



**THE 2023 EASTER OFFERING** is dedicated to three service organizations that meet the various needs of children, families, and senior citizens in Clinton county.

[SAFECenter](#); [Capital Area Community Services](#); and [Habitat for Humanity](#).



There is still time to contribute, simply mark your donation for ‘Easter Offering’.

## 2023 HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS AND PARENTS

We invite you to include celebration at Redeemer in your graduation plans.

We will have a special time of recognition for our high school graduates **during the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. There will also be a breakfast beforehand from 8:30-9:15am in the gym, to which all family members and relatives are invited. We realize that grandparents and other extended family might be in town for the day, and we invite them to participate as well.

If you did not receive a letter and RSVP in the mail, please pick one up at the information center and let us know how many in your family will be attending. If you are submitting picture for the slide show, they need to be to the [church office](#) by May 8.

## 90TH BIRTHDAY CARD PARTY

Peggy Brewster will be turning 90 years old next week. Her family invites us to shower her with a card party. Peggy’s address is: 14131 Turner Rd, DeWitt, MI 48820. They would also like to extend an invitation to a cake reception they are holding from 2-4pm on Sunday, April 16, here in the Redeemer Kids wing.

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE INFORMATION

We are so excited for this Saturday and our Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Building Day at the DeWitt Campus. Thank you to those who have signed up to participate! You will be receiving an email this week with the online liability form – please take a moment to fill it out so things run smoothly. Please be praying for the event, for good weather, the Sleep In Heavenly Peace team, the kids that will receive these beds, and the volunteers. Thank you to everyone that gave financially to make this event possible, helping us fulfill the SHP’s mission of “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town”! If you have questions, please reach out to [Suzie Unruh](#) or text 269-275-8773.



### OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

The Outreach monthly newsletter has been updated – see the [Redeemer Outreach Facebook page](#) to view the latest copy. We have several volunteer opportunities available for either daytime or evening and for a variety of ages. If you are interested in learning more, please visit our mobile app under SIGN-UPS/ #BeTheChurch or the Redeemer [website](#).

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023

**JUNE 19-22 (M-TH) • 9:00-11:30AM**

Our theme this year is “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light”; with engaging Bible stories, art & science explorations, and energizing games where your child will learn how to shine their light for Jesus! This Camp is designed for kids [heading into](#) grades 1-5.

Our Preschool Space Place is designed for our youngest cadets, ages 3 to 5 years, before they have entered Kindergarten. They will have their own space and activities. For the 3 year old class, your child must be 3 years old on or by April 1, 2023. All preschool explorers must be fully potty trained and bathroom independent.

[Registration](#) is open for both Preschool and Elementary Space Crews! Register early as Preschool spots are limited to room space and do fill.



If you are interested in volunteering for this stellar week, please fill out the [volunteer application](#). We have many areas available for you to serve!



### YOUTH MINISTRY REMINDER

Middle School is kicking off a new series called START THE PARTY, getting the most out of life. Be sure to join us! (**Note - there will be no open gym this week, April 19.**)



What If...We Invest in God's Economy?

Mathew 25:14-29 Pew Bible pg. 823

**Big Idea:** IT'S NOT MY MONEY. IT'S GOD'S MONEY.

### GETTING STARTED

If you were to go away for a long time, who would you trust to look after things for you?

### REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In this parable, what were the master's expectations of his servants while he was away?
2. What happens to the two servants who doubled their investment? To the servant who hides his talent? On what basis were they rewarded?
3. How does the master's treatment of the one-talent servant seem to you: Fair? Harsh? Lenient? Why?
4. If the Master returned today, what would he say about how you've used what he gave you? How have you developed it?
5. What kind of responsibility do you feel toward God regarding your talents?
6. What does sharing your Master's happiness mean to you? How will you use your \$20 to multiply mission?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Jesus, you have entrusted each one of us with resources and talents. Help us to be faithful to invest them in your economy. Remind us that we are stewards of your resources. May we work creatively to multiply mission with what we are given. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read Matthew 25:1-46. What message do these three parables have in common? Where are they different? How would the first audience have related to these stories? What resonates with you today?

### **FOCUS SCRIPTURES:**

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*"After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you have entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your master's happiness!... For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance."*



Matthew 25:19-21, 29

### **MY NOTES:**