# HAPPENING THIS WEEK

## **SUNDAY • JULY 27**

8:15am Worship Service

8:15am Nursery

9:15am Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room

10:00am Worship Service10:00am Nursery / Kids Club

11:15am-12:15pm Seekers Bible Study - Meeting Room

### MONDAY • JULY 28

1:00pm-2:30pm Powerful Tools for Caregivers

6:30pm Finance Meeting - Multipurpose Room - Door 3\*

### **TUESDAY • JULY 29**

10:00am-2:00pm Food Pantry Open 5:30pm-7:00pm Food Pantry Open

### WEDNESDAY • JULY 30

10:00am Sing & Play - Nursery - Door 4\* 7:00pm Worship Team Practice

# **THURSDAY • JULY 31**

### FRIDAY • AUGUST 1 - Office Closed

# **SATURDAY • AUGUST 2**

# SUNDAY • AUGUST 3

8:15am Worship Service

8:15am Nursery

9:15am Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room

10:00am Worship Service 10:00am Nursery / Kids Club 11:15am-12:30pm **Membership Class** 

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



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### Office Hours:

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

# **Summer Sunday Services:**

8:15 & 10 am

Online: 10 am (FB & YouTube)

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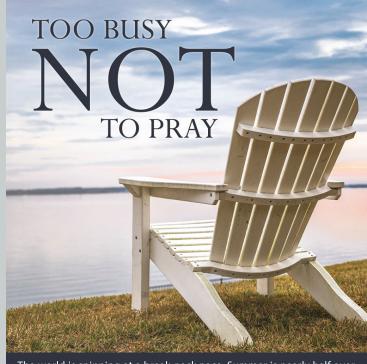
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The world is spinning at a break-neck pace. Summer is nearly half over already. Brokenness and pain in our lives and all around us keeps coming. The urgent need for prayer is clear, but busyness keeps many of us from finding time to pray. In this series, we are going to slow down, decide that prayer matters, that your prayers matter, and that there really is a God who is willing and able to help you in your time of need.

MESSAGE: PEOPLE OF PRAYER

July 27, 2025 Pew Bible: 231

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Welcome to Redeemer!

### **CHECK IN**

Whether you're online, new, or here all the time, be sure to sign in on a connection card, on the Redeemer app, online, or use the QR code! You can also share prayer requests, ask questions, & more.



# Backpack Ministry



### **BACKPACK MINISTRY ITEMS**

# **Collecting:**

- Now August 10
- Find the list of needed items online under EVENTS

# **Assembling:**

- Sunday, August 17 | 11 am
- No sign up needed; all are welcome!
- Learn more online under **EVENTS**



# **SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP**

- August 4 8
- Camp is right here at Redeemer!
- Registration closes soon
- For: Students who have completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- \$100 off code available through July 31
- \$50 off/ child when registering siblings
- Learn more online under EVENTS

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to sort, move, & deliver!

- Sort items Wednesday, July 30 at 10 am
- Move Backpacks Friday, August 8 at 2 pm
- Sort & Inventory Tues, August 12 at 10 am
- Deliver Backpacks Monday, Aug 18

Thank you to Gunnisonville UMC, St. Jude's Catholic Church, and 5 Star Physical Therapy Specialists for joining our efforts this year!!!



# **HS MICHIGAN ADVENTURE TRIP**

- Saturday, August 23 | 9 am 10 pm
- Meet at Redeemer for drop-off & pick-up
- \$25/student | Volunteers = free
- Bring modest swimwear for the water park
- Food can be brought from home or purchased in the park.
- Parent/Guardian must sign waiver
- Learn more online under **EVENTS**



# **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of Redeemer, we invite you to attend our Membership Class.

- Classes: Aug 3 & 17 | 11:15 am 12:30 pm
- Joining Sunday: August 24
- Join us in the Meeting Room
- Light lunch provided
- No cost to attend
- Learn more online under **EVENTS**

# BLESSING BAGS NEW OPPORTUNITY

As you drive through the Lansing area, you may notice individuals on street corners in need of support. This is your chance to extend compassion and share the love of Jesus in a practical way.

Swing by the lobby, grab a Blessing Bag (or two!), and bless those in need in our community!

A heartfelt thank you to the Swieringa family and friends for putting these bags together!



### **FOOD PANTRY - THANK YOU**

We are so grateful for everyone's support of the Redeemer Food Pantry! Each week we are seeing new families, and thanks to your generosity, we've been able to offer fresh produce all summer long. So far this year, we have served 2,320 individuals, for a total of 48,720 meals! From our weekly and monthly volunteers, to those who give through monetary and physical donations, and all who lift the pantry in prayer—we truly couldn't do this without you! Thank you for being part of the mission to feed those in our community!

# **#BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR**

There are several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities available. To get involved, visit the mobile app under Sign-Ups or check out the website at: MyRedeemer.Church/Outreach

July 30 - Backpacks - sort supplies

Aug 7 - Ronald McDonald - deliver dinner

Aug 8 - Backpacks - move to WC at 2 pm

Aug 8 - Women's Shelter - serve dinner

Aug 10 - Backpack Collection ends

Aug 11 - Water delivery to Police & Fire

Aug 12 - Backpacks - sort & inventory (lots of volunteers needed!)



Follow Redeemer Outreach on Facebook to see all the ways your donations and volunteer efforts are sharing the love of Jesus and supporting those facing tough times.



# **GETTING STARTED**

Are you a light or heavy sleeper? What does it take to wake you?

### **REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What does Samuel's reaction to the voice of the Lord tell us about him?
- 2. If you were Eli, how would you have reacted to the Lord's words? If you were Samuel, how would you have felt repeating them to Eli?
- 3. How have you and God been communicating lately? Are your prayers more like, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening' OR 'Listen, Lord, for your servant is speaking?'
- 4. Share a time when you responded to a prompting from the Holy Spirit through prayer. What happened? How did it turn out?
- 5. How do you hear the voice of the Lord? How can you learn to listen more and speak less?
- 6. As we wrap up this series on prayer, what is your biggest takeaway? How consistent is your prayer life? What model(s) do you use or could you use to help you remain committed to prayer?
- 7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Lord God, thank you for speaking to your people, even through the example of young Samuel in this passage. We confess that often we are so busy that we don't take the time to listen to you. Help us to be still and to be available to hear from you. May we listen and respond to what you call us to do. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read I Samuel 3:1-21. What does it mean that Samuel 'let none of his words fall to the ground' (v.19)? How does that compare with Eli? How do you treat the word of God? What commands have you 'let fall to the ground?' How can you include the phrase: 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening' into your daily prayer?

"Now the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed... Then the Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Then the Lord came, calling as the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' And the Lord said to Samuel: 'See, I am about to do something In Israel..."

# **MY NOTES:**