

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY MAY 14

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

### MONDAY MAY 15

7:00 pm	DW	Leadership Team - Multipurpose rm. - door 3
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### TUESDAY MAY 16

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

### WEDNESDAY MAY 17

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

### THURSDAY MAY 18

6:30pm	DW	MOPS & MOMS Next - Multipurpose rm - door 3
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### FRIDAY MAY 19 - Building Closed

9:00am	DW	Kahl/Smith Small Group - Mtg. rm. - door 4
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### SATURDAY MAY 20 - Building Closed

8am - Noon	DW	Spring Cleanup - Join us!
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### SUNDAY MAY 21

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
8:30am	DW	GRADUATION BRUNCH
9:30AM	DW	GRADUATE RECOGNITION IN WORSHIP
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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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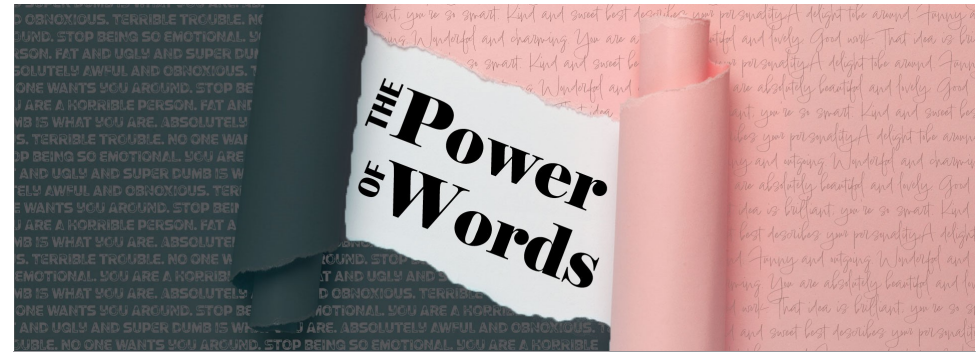


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MESSAGE: *Words in Your Family*  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8

May 14, 2023

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### Welcome to Worship!

We are so grateful that you are here. This morning, we kick-off a new series called “The Power of Words.” Our words hold immense power. The words we speak today will have consequences tomorrow, either for us or against us. On this Mother’s Day, we will focus on the quality of our communication in our families and with those closest to us. What does your language sound like? Is it the language of love? Let’s learn to communicate clearly with love as we worship together.

#### 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/  
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# Announcements



## Sunday Morning Summer Hours

May 28 - September 3

(Memorial Day - Labor Day)

8:15 AM

Traditional

10 AM

Modern

### BAPTISM TODAY

We would like to welcome to the 9:30am service the family of Max and Bently Skinner who are being baptized today. We also welcome at 11:00am the family of Jessina and Jennessa Aboagye. May God continue to bless them and their families as they grow in Christ.

### SPRING CLEAN UP - THIS SATURDAY, MAY 20



Please plan to join us on Saturday, May 20, to help with our annual spring clean-up. We have plenty to do this year, including: cleaning flower areas, cleaning around the sign, and of course, mulching. With so much to do, we need lots of help, so hopefully there is a wide enough range to pique your interest. We will get started at 8:00am and will wrap up around noon. You don't have to stay the whole time; whatever time you can volunteer within that window would be greatly appreciated! Please bring your favorite yard tools, gloves, and wheelbarrows if

available. Questions: Please contact Jeff Parker at 517-243-2826.

### GRADUATION SUNDAY - MAY 21

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 9:30 am worship service next Sunday, May 21st.



## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### next step



The Next Step Ministry is looking for some additional adults to support our new graduates as they step into adulthood and all the opportunities of that life chapter. This would be a monthly connection (about 30 minutes) with an individual graduate, to encourage them of the hope and support Christ has to offer, through the church. Connection may be by prayer and postal service, email, or text. If interested, please join us for an informational meeting on May 23, 6:30-7:30 here at the church. If you are unable to attend, but are still interested in participating, please let us know of your interest through [EMAIL](#).

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Planning is well under way for 2023 Vacation Bible Camp. We are looking forward to 4 mornings of fun packed Bible lessons with your preschool - 5th graders.

Mission Control needs additional supplies to help launch Stellar. Check out our [AMAZON LIST](#) to see what you can help supply.



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED DELIVERIES

We have the amazing opportunity to help deliver and fully assemble the beds we cut, sanded and drilled a few weeks ago – we need lots of volunteers (ages 12 on up) to help on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00pm. **The more volunteers we have ... the more beds get delivered ... which equal = less kids sleeping on the floor ...** please sign up [ONLINE](#) to join us or contact [SUZIE UNRUH](#).

### GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every month, we volunteer at the Greater Lansing Food Bank to help sort items. Volunteers are needed - age 14 on up, sign up is required. WE NOW HAVE SUMMER DATES – see the #BeTheChurch sign-up on the mobile app, [WEBSITE](#), or contact [SUZIE UNRUH](#).

### GOOD NEWS KITCHEN (GNK) MEALS

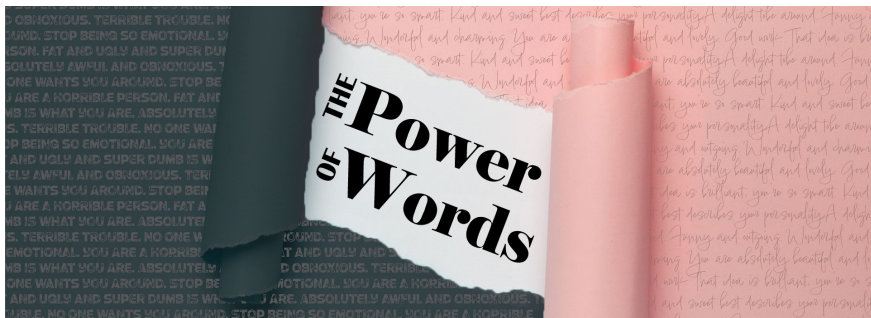
We are excited to once again join the GNK in St. John's to help provide 100 to go lunches. First date is May 18 - sign-up [ONLINE](#) under #bethechurch to join us.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities for either daytime or evening and for a variety of ages – if interested in learning more, please visit the mobile app under SIGN-UPS or the Redeemer [WEBSITE](#).

### COMING UP

- May 14 - Distribute items at the park
- May 18 - Help with Food Pantry Delivery - 7:30AM
- May 18 - Make lunches at Good News Kitchen



Words In Your Family

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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**Big Idea:** COMMUNICATE CLEARLY WITH LOVE

## GETTING STARTED

What was one of your favorite songs when you were a teenager? What did the lyrics say?

## REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Proverbs 10:7-13, what is the connection between those who are “wise” and the words that they use?
2. In the passage from I Cor. 13, what does Paul say love is? What does Paul say love is not? How does this compare to love as defined in our culture?
3. How do words and the tone of your words communicate love in your family?
4. “Communicate clearly with love.” What are some practical, everyday strategies that you have found helpful in communicating with the ones closest to you?
5. Look at the descriptions of perfect love in vs. 4-8 below. In which of these areas are you strongest? In which one are you the weakest?
6. What is one way that you can work to improve communication with your spouse and/or children over the next two weeks?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Jesus, you are the ultimate example of perfect love and using words to encourage those closest to you. May we follow your example and communicate clearly with love to those in our family. Help us to think about the power of our words this week. In the name of Christ, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read Proverbs chapter 10. These are short, wise statements, often using picturesque language to make a point. Which proverbs stand out to you in his chapter? Why? What do you see here that relates to hard work? What is the reward? What is the opposite of hard work? What can you learn here?

## FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

May 14, 2023

*“The wise are glad to be instructed, but babbling fools fall flat on their faces...The words of the godly lead to life; evil people cover up their harmful intentions. Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all offenses.”*

Proverbs 10: 8,11-13

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”*

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

## MY NOTES: