

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JUNE 25

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	SJ	Worship Service
10:00am	DW	Worship Service
10:00am	DW	Happy Camper Summer Series Grades Preschool-5
9:15am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
10:00am	DW	Nursery

MONDAY JUNE 26

5:00-7:00pm DW Picnic with a Purpose - bring your lawn chair!

TUESDAY JUNE 27

NOON-2pm	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7pm	DW	Food Pantry
6:30pm	DW	Assemble Homeless bags

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
1:00pm	DW	Assemble Midwest Missions Kits
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY JUNE 29

FRIDAY JUNE 30 - Building Closed

SATURDAY JULY 1 - Building Closed

SUNDAY JULY 2

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	SJ	Worship Service
10:00am	DW	Worship Service & Livestream
10:00am	DW	Happy Camper Summer Series Grades Preschool-5
9:15am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
10:00am	DW	Nursery

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:

Summer Worship Times:

8:15 & 10:00am

Online: 10:00am (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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I Choose...

PURPOSE *over* POPULARITY

DISCIPLINE *over* REGRET

SURRENDER *over* CONTROL

MESSAGE: *Surrender Over Control*
Genesis 16:1-4

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Welcome to Worship!

We are so grateful that you are here. Today, we wrap-up our message series entitled, "I CHOOSE..." The decisions we make every day become the story of our lives. We are focusing on being intentional about the choices we make. We have looked at choosing PURPOSE over POPULARITY and choosing the pain of DISCIPLINE now over the pain of REGRET later. This week, we will focus on choosing SURRENDER over CONTROL.

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:

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Announcements



TOMORROW NIGHT!

Join the Redeemer Worship Band at the DeWitt campus grass field for a fun evening TOMORROW, June 26, from 5-7 PM! There is no charge to attend the event. You may bring a picnic dinner or support the food pantry by purchasing dinner from Chuckie D's BBQ food truck and Kona Ice. Part of the proceeds from both vendors will go directly to the Redeemer Food Pantry! Bring your own blanket/chairs and join us!!!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY CANDIDATES

Do you have a loved one or friend who is homebound, lonely, or would like a friendly visit? Redeemer's Congregational Care Ministry is ready to help! Contact either [ELINOR MILLER](#) or the [REDEEMER OFFICE](#).

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND...

We have a lost and found basket on the coat room shelf behind the coffee tables. Also, if you could check your closet at home, someone is missing a ladies black hooded jacket from Easter Sunday. - Let us know if you find an extra one. 😊

FAMILY MINISTRIES

BIBLE CAMP WAS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD !!!



Redeemer's STELLAR Bible Camp was this past week. We had a blast with the kids as they learned how to Shine Jesus' Light in our world! It was an awesome blessing to

have SO many volunteers helping to make this a fun and memo-

orable cosmic experience for each kid. We had over 50 volunteers who served in many different capacities to make Bible Camp a success! Thank you to everyone who donated items/food, donated their time in helping decorate and prep materials, and everyone who has given of their time to help during Bible Camp. We could not have served over 100 kids without all your help!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

PACK THE PANTRY DRIVE:

This year, our Food Pantry is experiencing greater than normal use—serving a larger number of people plus higher food costs. We have a unique opportunity this summer. We have the potential to receive matching funds for the Redeemer Food Pantry up to \$25,000. This means that every dollar you give to the pantry this summer will be matched, dollar for dollar. This will help us to close the gap between our monthly pantry income and expenses. If you are able to support this drive, please use one of the special envelopes in the pew labeled Food Pantry or use the "Other" tile if you are donating [ONLINE](#).



MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We have several volunteer spots open for July 27 & August 24. Please [SIGN-UP](#) on the Redeemer website or mobile app to join us.



MIDWEST MISSION FEMINIE CARE KITS AND MORE

All ages are invited to [SIGN-UP](#) and join us on Wednesday, June 28 for packing kits for Midwest Missions, bagging cookies for the homeless event, and more.

TAKE A LOOK!!! - FIND SOMETHING THAT FITS YOUR AVAILABLE TIME

We have several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities coming up. We have daytime and evening opportunities, and also tasks for a variety of ages. If you are interested in learning more, please visit Redeemer's mobile app under SIGN-UPS or through the Redeemer [WEBSITE](#). Below is a sample of upcoming events.

June 26 - Picnic with a Purpose (20% of food truck funds go to the Redeemer Food Pantry)

June 27 - Assemble Homeless Blessing Bags

June 28 - Assemble Midwest Mission kits and more as time allows

June 29 - Help unload a special food pantry delivery (more details to come on time)

July 3 - Deliver water to local Police & Fire Departments

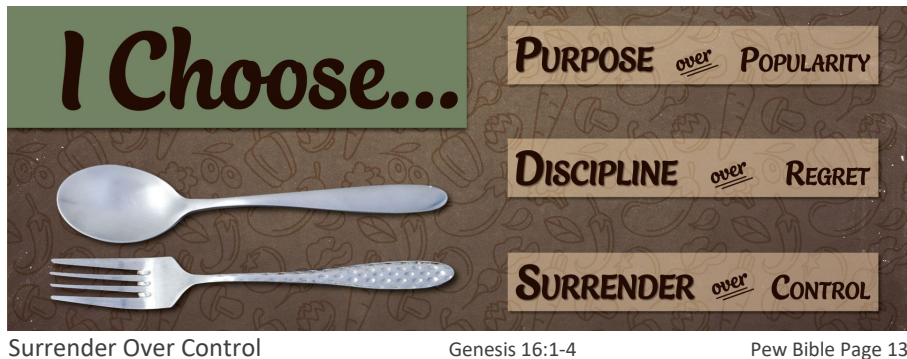
July 6 - Deliver meal to Ronald McDonald House (preordered & prepaid - you simply deliver)

July 9 - Distribute items to those in need at Ruetter Park

July 10 - Sort donations at St. Vincent DePaul in St. Johns

July 19 - Helping Hands Ministry at DeWitt Campus - (note date change this month only)





Big Idea: **CHOOSE SURRENDER OVER CONTROL**

GETTING STARTED

Who rules the TV remote in your house? (OR) If you could have full control over something, what would it be?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think drove Sarah to this course of action?
2. Reflect on Abraham and Sarah’s story. Have you ever tried taking God’s plans into your own hands? How did it turn out?
3. In which areas of your life are you most controlling: family, work, money, friendships, or something else? How does this impact people you care about?
4. Talk about the last time you felt completely out of control. What did you learn?
5. Share a past or present experience where you’ve given God your trust. How are you practically doing this? What does it look like to give this to God?
6. ‘Is it worth my concern? Is it mine to control? Is it for God alone? How can these questions help you to choose SURRENDER over CONTROL this week?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, we’ve been trying to run our lives like we know better than You. Forgive us. Holy Spirit, we invite you to loosen our grip on control. We surrender our family, our finances, our work, to You. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Genesis 16:1-16. Why did the Lord give Hagar direction, hope, and promise? Like Hagar, from what are you feeling tempted to run? Like Sarah, where have you been waiting “10 years” for God to fulfill a promise? How do you cope with such delays? What do you feel is the central lesson for you in this passage of Scripture?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

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“Now Sarah, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, ‘The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, be with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.’ Abram agreed to what Sarah said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarah took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He lay with Hagar, and she conceived.”

Genesis 16:1-4

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

MY NOTES: