

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY MARCH 19

|             |     |   |
|-------------|-----|---|
| 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!   |
| 5:00pm      | DW  | <b>Youth Parent Meeting in the Gym - door 5</b> |
| 6:00-7:30pm | DW  | High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5          |

### MONDAY MARCH 20

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| 7:00pm | DW | Leadership Meeting |
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### TUESDAY MARCH 21

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| 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 22

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|-------------|----|--|
| 10:00am     | DW | Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4 |
| 2:30-4:30pm | DW | Open Gym - door 5                          |
| 7:00pm      | DW | Worship Team Practice                      |

### THURSDAY MARCH 23

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| 6:30pm | DW | Huntley Small Group - HS Room - door 4 |
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### FRIDAY MARCH 24

### SATURDAY MARCH 25 - Building Closed

### SUNDAY MARCH 26

|             |     |  |
|-------------|-----|--|
| 8:15am      | DW  | Worship Service  |
| 9:30am      | ALL | Worship Service & Livestream   |
| 9:30am      | DW  | <b>Spring Break - No Kids or Youth Classes today</b><br><b>Classes resume Palm Sunday, April 2</b> |
| 9:30am      | DW  | Adult Bible Study - Meeting room   |
| 9:30 & 11am | DW  | Nursery  |
| 11:00am     | DW  | Worship  |
| 11:00am     | DW  | Seekers Bible Study - Meeting room - Join us!  |
| 6:00-7:30pm | DW  | <b>Spring Break - No HSM tonight</b>   |

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-Thu: 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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## Jesus' Teachings for Today's People

MESSAGE: *Getting Real with God*

March 19, 2023

Matthew 6:1-18

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 looking in-depth at Jesus’ longest message—the Sermon on the Mount—in Matthew chapters 5-7. Last week, we unpacked Jesus’ words regarding dealing with anger and learning to let go. This week, we will look at being real with God and others.

#### 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)



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# Announcements

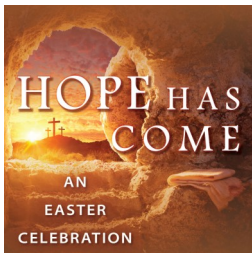
## CONFIRMATION

Join us today in congratulating our 8 Confirmation Students.

They are: Tyler Ferguson, Jeanette Grimes, Erik Keisling, Drew Novak, Dominic Rose, Anzlee Shoemake, Bryce Shoemake, and Noah Unruh.

Also being baptized as part of Confirmation this morning are Anzlee Shoemake, Bryce Shoemake, and Noah Unruh.

Congratulation on this step in your faith journey and may you continue to grow and be blessed in Christ.



### EASTER WORSHIP TIMES - DEWITT

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

Live-stream at 9:30am

Nursery available at 9:30 & 11:00am

### EASTER WORSHIP TIMES - ST. JOHNS

9:30

### GOOD FRIDAY

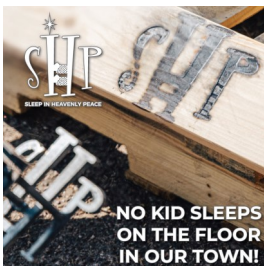
Join us for a special Good Friday service on April 7 at 7:00 p.m. as we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. The service will also be live-streamed.



## 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!!!

#bethchurch1000 was an amazing event on March 5, be sure to check out the Redeemer Outreach #bethchurch 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 on a monthly basis with activities similar to these, visit Redeemer's [website](#) Outreach page for more information.

### EASTER EVENT FOR KIDS IN NEED

#BeTheChurch is looking for volunteers to join the Cardboard Prophets Easter event to help with photos, check-in, refreshments, and egg hunts on Saturday, April 1 in Lansing. If you would like to help, see the #bethchurch sign up on the Redeemer [website](#) under outreach. Redeemer will also be supplying kid Easter baskets through the #BeTheChurch budget – thank you to everyone that supports the Outreach Program.

### 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 #bethchurch or the Redeemer [website](#).

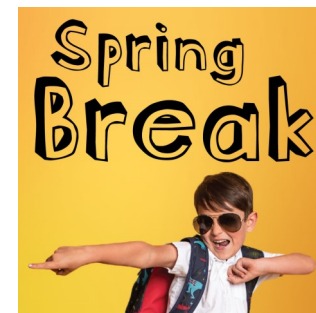
## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### YOUTH PARENT MEETING

**All Middle School and High School Parents** are invited to a Youth Parent meeting THIS SUNDAY, March 19, from 5:00-6:00pm in the gym. Pastor Debbie will host the meeting and would appreciate your input on the future youth ministry.

### 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 for the week. We will resume regular classes and groups on Palm Sunday, April 2.





Getting Real with God

Matthew 5:38-45; Pew Bible page 803

**Big Idea: BE AUTHENTIC AND REAL BEFORE GOD AND OTHERS**

### **GETTING STARTED**

Did you grow up in an openly “religious” home? Or was religion a private matter, unseen by you until later years?

### **REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does this passage tell you about the approach Jesus wants us to have toward giving? (v.1-4)
2. Where do you go when you need to pray? What do you find yourself praying about most often?
3. Jesus gives the people a model for prayer in vs.9-13. What has the Lord’s Prayer meant to you over the years?
4. What do vs.12,14-15 say to you about forgiving and being forgiven?
5. What is the purpose of fasting? In what situations might fasting be helpful? Share an experience of fasting from your own life.
6. Why does Jesus address this issue of authenticity in our spiritual life? When have you, perhaps, tried to “manage your image?” How is it freeing to be real before God and others?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Jesus, thank you for teaching us how to pray with the model of the Lord’s Prayer. Help us to bring all of our concerns before you, knowing that you will provide for every need. Help us to be honest and authentic in how we give and how we pray. May we honor you in all that we do. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read Matthew 6:1-34. When you pray, what do you find to be your biggest challenge? How does prayer relate to Jesus’ section about not worrying? What is God saying to you through this passage about handling your particular worry or disappointment?

### **FOCUS SCRIPTURES:**

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*“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven....But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and prayer to your Father, who is unseen.”*

Matthew 6:1,3,5-6

### **MY NOTES:**