# HAPPENING THIS WEEK

#### **SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 2**

# **Thanksgiving Baskets - Collection Begins**

8:15am Worship Service

8:15am Nursery

9:15am Bible Study - Meeting Room 9:30am Worship Service & Livestream

9:30am Engage High School - High School Room

9:30am Radiate Middle School - Gym 9:30am Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing

Worship Service 11:00am

11:00am Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing

THE CHOSEN Bible Study - Meeting Room 11:00am 6:30-8:00pm Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6\*

**MONDAY • NOVEMBER 3** 

10:00-11:00am MiniCo Playgroup - Nursery - Door 4\*

#### **TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 4**

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

Radiate Middle School - Gym - Door 6\* 6:00pm

#### **WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 5**

10:00am-11:45am Senior Bible Study - Meeting Room - Door 4\* 7:00pm

Worship Team Practice

#### THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 6

MomCo - Multipurpose Room - Door 3\* 6:30-8:30pm

#### FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 7 - Office Closed

#### **SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 8**

	SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 9
8:15am	Worship Service
8:15am	Nursery
9:15am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	Engage High School - High School Room
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11:00am Worship Service

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THE CHOSEN Bible Study - Meeting Room 11:00am 12:15-1:30pm **Membership Class** - Meeting Room 6:30-8:00pm Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6\*

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

Sign up for our weekly eNews! Email us at: office@dewittredeemer.org



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Office Hours:

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

**Sunday Services:** 

8:15. 9:30. & 11 am

Online: 9:30 am (FB & YouTube)

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# LIVING LIFE

How would life look different if you chose to live with the end in mind? The biblical book of Ecclesiastes has a lot to say about living life backward...and maybe starting at the end will help us reconsider what it means to "live well" moving forward.

MESSAGE: EMBRACE LIFE'S LIMITATIONS

November 2, 2025

Text: Ecclesiastes 7:1-24

Pew Bible: 554

# 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.





## **THANKSGIVING BASKETS - COLLECTION**

#### **Collecting:**

Now - November 16

#### **Details:**

- Providing 70 baskets to local families
- Non-perishable item list online
- Monetary donations also needed for perishable items
- Learn more, view the item list, and donate online under EVENTS



#### KIDS MINISTRY DIRECTOR

We are still searching for a new Kid's Ministry Director. This person is responsible for all aspects of ensuring the spiritual growth and development of our next generation in children's ministry, birth—5th grade.

- Full-time with Sunday and some evening hours required
- Check out our website for all the details: myredeemer.church/job-openings

#### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS - PACKING**

#### Packing:

- Sunday, November 23 | After 11 am Service
- Donations can be dropped off through Sunday, November 16. The Redeemer Student Ministry group will count and inventory, then we'll shop for any needed items before Packing Day.
- The church is open Monday Thursday, between 8:30 4:30. Enter at Door #4.



# CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR | SIGN UP

#### **Rehearsal Dates:**

November 30 - After 11 am service
 December 14 - After 11 am service
 December 17 - Evening 7 pm
 December 21 - After 11 am service

#### **Performance Dates:**

- December 23 Evening 7 pm
   December 24 Afternoon 3 pm & 5 pm
- November 23 is the last day to sign up
- Learn more online under EVENTS



# MEMBERSHIP CLASS | SIGN UP

- Sundays, Nov. 9 & 16 | 12:15 1:30 pm
- Want to become a member? Join our 2-session class to learn more about our church, vision, and core values.
- Everyone is welcome; no obligation to join.
- Light lunch provided
- No cost to attend
- Learn more & RSVP online under **EVENTS**



#### **FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Thank you to all who continue to give to the Food Pantry and those that brought in special items last week for the sudden increase of demand. In October, we provided 161 families (494 individuals) with food and personal care items, 43% of these numbers were kids under the age of 18. We couldn't meet this need without your support and the support of our amazing volunteer team!!

Please continue to pray for those we serve that their needs are being met and that they feel the love of Jesus Christ through the supplies we offer.



## GL FOOD BANK | SIGN UP

Work on projects at GLFB Warehouse in Bath: November 13 | 9 am

#### **#BTC EVENING OUTREACH** | NO SIGN UP

Mark your calendar to join us in the Student Center gym on Thursday, November 13 at 6:30pm as we work on #BeTheChurch projects to bless those in need and spread the love of Jesus. There will be something for everyone, with both sitting and standing jobs.

#### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Volunteers will deliver dinner this Thurs., Nov. 6, to the families staying at the RMH. Please join us in praying for these families and their children in the hospital.

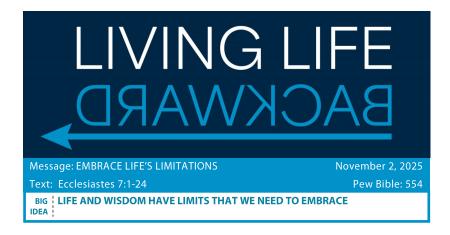
#### **#BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR**

Find sign-ups & learn more online under **Outreach** or on the Redeemer mobile app under sign ups.

- Nov 6 Ronald McDonald deliver dinner
- Nov 9 #BTC Outreach Private Small Group Event
- **Nov 12 -** Helping Hands Group
- Nov 13 Greater Lansing Food Bank
- Nov 13 Evening #BTC event
- Nov 14 Women's Shelter serve dinner
- **Nov 16 -** Thanksgiving Basket collection ends
- Nov 20 Food Pantry Deliver at 7:30am
- Nov 23 Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets Noon



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**

Dream a bit: If all goes well, what do you predict for yourself next year?

#### **REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. In each of the comparisons in 7:1-4, which is the better thing and why? How do you feel after reading this section?
- 2. What is the reason behind the advice given in vs. 5-7?
- 3. Why is the question in vs.10 so unwise? How does no talgia help or hurt you?
- 4. When you are confused, how do you decide who to listen to? How do you know when to give advice? Rebuke? Praise?
- 5. How would you define wisdom? What does "wise living" mean to you?
- 6. Compared to dwelling on the past or longing for the future, how much do you live in the present? Why is this important?
- 7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Lord God, thank you for your Word that gives us instructions and principles for wise living. We want to honor you and follow you in all that we do. Help us to embrace the limitations of life, even when they are hard. May we look to the future and not get stuck in the past. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read Ecclesiastes chapters 5-7. What verses stand out to you about worship, wealth, or wisdom? What does the Teacher conclude about wisdom in 7:23-25? How do you let wisdom "guide your thoughts and actions" in daily life? When have you had to embrace limits in your life due to aging? Does this lead to nostalgia for the past or a longing for the future? Why?

"A good reputation is more valuable than costly perfume. And the day you die is better than the day you are born... V.7: Extortion turns wise people into fools, and bribes corrupt the heart. Finishing is better than starting. Patience is better than pride. Control your temper, for anger labels you a fool. Don't long for 'the good old days.' This is not wise... v.13: Accept the way God does things, for who can straighten what he has made crooked? Enjoy prosperity while you can, but when hard times strike, realize that both come from God. Remember that nothing is certain in this life."

Ecclesiastes 7:1, 7-10, 13-14

# **MY NOTES:**