

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MARCH 5

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-12
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30 & 11am	DW	Nursery
11:00am	DW	Worship
11:00am	DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-8
11:00am	DW	Confirmation Class in the BRIDGE room
11:00am	DW	Seekers Bible Study - Meeting room - Join us!
2:00-4:00pm	DW	#bethchurch 1000 - meet in the Worship Cen.
6:00-7:30pm	DW	High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5

MONDAY MARCH 6

10:00am	DW	MOPS/MOMS Next Playdate - Gym - door 5
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TUESDAY MARCH 7

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 8

10:00am	DW	SING and PLAY - meet in the Nursery
10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
2:00-4:00pm	DW	Helping Hands Ministry - Meeting rm - door 4
2:30-4:30pm	DW	Open Gym - door 5
6:30pm	DW	Huntley Sm. Group - HS room - door 4
6:30pm	DW	Congregation Care Min. Meeting - door 4
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY MARCH 9

10:00am	DW	Homeless Bag Assembly - Gym
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FRIDAY MARCH 10

SATURDAY MARCH 11 - Building Closed

SUNDAY MARCH 12

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
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Key: DW—DeWitt; SJ—St. Johns; ON—Online; All—All Campuses

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

Sunday Services:

In-person:

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

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200 E State St.
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9:30am

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Jesus' Teachings for Today's People

MESSAGE: *Keeping Our Appetites in Check*

March 5, 2023

Matthew 5:17-20; 27-30

Pew Bible pg. 802

Welcome to worship!

We are so grateful that you are here. Today, we continue our message series called "Jesus' Teachings for Today's People." We are studying Jesus' longest message—the Sermon on the Mount—in Matthew chapters 5-7. Last week, we looked at how Jesus used simple metaphors like salt and light to help us see our impact in the world around us. This week, we turn to the topic of resisting temptation and finding strength in Christ.

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



TODAY FROM 2-4PM

Everyone is invited (and encouraged to bring a friend) to join us this afternoon for #bethechurch1000. There are sitting and standing projects for all ages. We will meet at 2pm in the Worship Center to hear instructions, pray, and then bless others with the generosity of serving. Activities will include assembling birthing kits for women in other countries, packing activity bags for the Children at Sparrow Hospital, wrapping silverware for Good News Kitchen in St. John's, assembling meal kits for Cardboard Prophets, and more. If you would like more details on the Outreach projects we will be doing, please visit our [website](#). Looking forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - COFFEE HOUR SET-UP

A behind the scenes ministry. Volunteers make coffee, lemonade and ice tea according to simple instructions and set supplies out on the refreshment tables in the lobby. Each set-up session takes roughly an hour to go through the steps and then time to monitor beverages through Sunday morning. On the job training is provided the first couple of times you are scheduled and there are instruction sheets available in the kitchen to further assist in the ease of this ministry. This ministry operates on a rotating schedule and you can expect to serve about once every 4 weeks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP

Another behind the scenes ministry. Volunteers clear the coffee tables in the lobby, put supplies away in cupboards, wash dishes and coffee pots, and stack everything neatly for the next weekends coffee set-up volunteers.

This can be done either after the last Sunday service at Noon or first thing Monday morning. Our building opens at 8:30 every Monday with the exception of a few holidays. Clean-up should be finished by Monday afternoon so that our building is ready for the various of uses and guests that it sees throughout the week. Training is available. This ministry operates on a rotating schedule and you can expect to serve every 4 weeks. Each clean-up session takes roughly about 1 hour. Contact [Susan](#) to help.

CHRISTIAN CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FROM REDEEMER

Redeemer Church realizes the value of students attending Christian Camps and supports that by offering a \$100 scholarship to any student attending Redeemer that applies for the scholarship. This fund is supported by donations of caring individuals who share this vision with Redeemer.

You can pick up a scholarship form from the Information Center or download one from our [website](#).

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Helping Hands meets year round on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm at the DeWitt Campus (Meeting Room) to work on a variety of sewing and craft projects for local organizations. Tasks include cutting, assembling, sewing, or other simple projects - all skill levels are needed and anyone is invited to join us. Our next meeting is this Wednesday, March 8. We will be working on one-handle school bags and Midwest Mission Kits - all materials are provided, with the exception of sewing machines. Stop by and check it out.

BLANKET SUNDAY – 471 BLANKETS!

Thanks to your generous donations, we will be able to provide \$4,710 to Church World Service for their Blankets program. If you would still like to contribute, envelopes are available in the pew, or you may give online through the mobile app. Thank you for helping us make a physical impact to those affected by life changing situations. 100% of all donations will go to support this program.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

JOIN US FOR 'SING AND PLAY' THIS WEEK!

Join us on Wednesday, March 8 from 10-11:00am for story hour with Ms. Emily! Come with your Infant - Preschool aged children for songs, art, play, and more! This will be a fun and interactive, monthly experience for your little learner. We will meet the second Wednesday of every month. So, if you're ready to get out of the house this winter, come join us in the Nursery at Redeemer Church!



YOUTH MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENT

We wanted to let you know that Sam and Megan Anderson, our Youth Directors, are feeling called in another direction that will fit their family situation better. They will finish their time here at Redeemer next Sunday, March 12. We have appreciated their time and investment in our youth over the past year and pray a blessing upon them in this next chapter. We will continue the current youth programs with our amazing volunteers until a new director can be secured. Pastor Debbie will be holding a Youth Parents' Meeting on Sunday, March 19 from 5-6pm. Feel free to attend and provide your input and feedback for the future.



Keeping Our Appetites in Check

Matthew 5; Pew Bible page 802

Big Idea: JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW BUT CALLS US DEEPER

GETTING STARTED

As a child, what family rule did you love to break? Why?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus mean by saying he came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets?
2. Jesus uses the phrase: 'You have heard it said...but I say to you' throughout the rest of chapter 5. What new standard of right and wrong is Jesus creating?
3. How does Jesus apply this new standard to the commandment about adultery? What is Jesus' point in using such exaggerated language (v.29-30)?
4. Share about a time that you really wanted a new car or appliance or tech item, etc. but it wasn't the right time. What did you do in the waiting period?
5. Which of these topics Jesus addresses in vs.21-47 (controlling lust or anger, keeping your word, loving your enemies) challenges you the most?
6. Although these standards are not a new law to obtain God's mercy, what do they suggest about how God wants us to grow in faith?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for the challenge of these words in Matthew 5. Help us to see that sin matters to you. You care about our actions and our thoughts. We need your grace and your mercy. Thank you for these amazing gifts. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Matthew 5:17-37. If these standards are like a doctor's thermometer to show us how sick we are, what is the medicine needed to heal us? How does that relate to the Beatitudes? What is the hope for us here?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

March 5, 2023

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them...Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. V.27: You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Matthew 5:17,19, 27-28.

MY NOTES: