

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

| SUNDAY | JANUARY 29 |
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| 8:15 | DW Worship Service |
| 9:30am | ALL Worship Service & Livestream |
| 9:30am | DW Family Ministries Grades Preschool-12 |
| 9:30am | DW Adult Bible Study - Meeting Rm |
| 9:30 & 11am | DW Nursery |
| 11:00am | DW Worship |
| 11:00am | DW Family Ministries Grades Preschool-8 |
| 6:00pm | DW High School Youth Group |
| MONDAY | JANUARY 30 |
| 7:00pm | DW Leadership Meeting - Multipurpose Rm |
| TUESDAY | JANUARY 31 |
| 10am-2pm | DW Food Pantry |
| 5:30-7pm | DW Food Pantry |
| 6:00-7:30pm | DW Youth Group |
| WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1 |
| 10:00am | DW Senior Bible Study |
| 2:30-4:30pm | DW Open Gym |
| 7:00pm | DW Worship Team Practice |
| THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 2 |
| 6:30pm | DW MOPS/MOMS Next - door 3 |
| FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 3 |
| 6:45am | High School Bible Study at DHS Library |
| 6-8pm | DW SNOW MUCH FUN!! - door 3 |
| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 4 - Building Closed |
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| 11:00am | DW Family Ministries Grades Preschool-8 |
| 11:00am | DW Wendy's Small Group - Meeting room |
| 6:00-7:30pm | DW High School Youth Group |

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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MESSAGE: *The Power of Stretcher-Bearers*

Mark 2:1-12

January 29, 2023

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Welcome to worship!

We are so grateful that you have joined us. This morning, we are looking at “The Power of Stretcher-Bearers.” All of us need “stretcher-bearers” or spiritual friends at times in life. We will focus on the power of friends, small groups, and how you can be a “stretcher-bearer” for someone else in your life today.

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](http://myredeemer.church/connect)



Announcements

FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES—HEAVEN: OUR TRUE HOME



Have you ever thought about questions such as: Where is heaven and what will it be like? Will we know each other? What will we do in heaven? Join us for a message series in February entitled “Heaven: Our True Home” as we explore the Biblical answers to these questions and more. It is sure to touch your heart and your mind as we long for our eternal home!

BABY BLESSINGS MINISTRY



You are invited to help us provide blessings to babies (newborn-12 months) in the Greater Lansing area by donating items from the list below. We will collect items between Sunday, January 22, and Sunday, February 12. Donations will go to Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing and The St. Johns Baby Pantry. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office, given online, or through the mobile app. Please note “Baby Blessings” on the check or envelope and someone will do the shopping for you. Thank you for helping local parents provide for their new babies.

> See donation items [HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Are you a people person? Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy sharing your Redeemer knowledge? We are looking to staff our information desk with a rotating group of volunteers for all services. Your time commitment for a service would be 15 minutes before the service, and 10 minutes after.

If this sounds like you, please see [WENDY](#) at the info desk or call/text 517-819-9706.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OUTREACH – We need 7 more volunteers to join us this Friday morning, February 3, at the Greater Lansing Warehouse in Bath. We will be sorting seeds and putting together seed kits. This is a sitting job with no heavy lifting. Signup is required since there are limited spots. Please visit our [web-site](#), the mobile app/signup button, or contact [SUZIE](#) via text 269-275-8773.

ADVENT HOUSE – every month a group of volunteers provide and pack 100 sack lunches for the Advent House Shelter in Lansing. This month the St. John’s campus packed the meals, thank you to the volunteers that joined us and helped make an impact. We still have 3 months that need to be filled in 2023, if you are interested in this outreach opportunity, please reach out to [SUZIE](#) via text 269-275-8773.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

SNOW MUCH FUN - FAMILY-FUN NIGHT!!

Snow Much Fun is **THIS** Friday, February 3, from 6-8 p.m. at the DeWitt Campus. This is a family-fun night with indoor activities, craft stations, and snow themed treats. Bring your neighbors and friends for this winter blast. A parent/adult must stay with child(ren). Snow Much Fun is open to children ages preschool -5th grade. Please register at myredeemer.church/events to help us with counts. >> **Volunteers still needed**, contact [EMILY](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDS PROGRAMING

We have a need for leaders in all of our kids’ classes! Our Redeemer Kids program cannot run without the help of volunteers like you. Where can you help? It can be once or twice a month, whatever works for you. You get to be a part of helping kids learn about the love and life of Jesus Christ!

- Kingdom Kids (3–5-year-olds) – 1 teacher at 9:30 , 1 teacher at 11:00.
- Kingdom Quest (K-3rd grades) – 2 teachers needed at both service times.
- The Bridge (4th & 5th grades) – 2-3 teachers needed at both service times.

> To volunteer contact [EMILY](#)

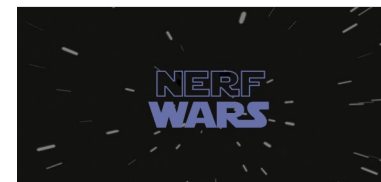


VACATION BIBLE CAMP DATES SET

Save the Date for an out of this world summer experience for kids in Preschool to 5th grade right here at Redeemer Church! Vacation Bible Camp will be **June 19-22, 2023, 9:00-11:30am.**



Join us for a stellar time as we learn what it means to shine Jesus’ light! **Registration will open mid-April.**



February 10 | 6-8pm
6-12th Grades only
Nerf battles, Pizza, Prizes - bring your friends!
TO VOLUTEER: contact [MEGAN](#)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE BACK!

Students 8th grade and up are invited to join Confirmation Classes starting on February 12. Classes will be held Sundays, February 12, to March 12, from 11am-12pm. Confirmation Sunday will be during the 11am service on March 19th.

> Register [HERE](#)



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Big Idea: THE POWER OF SPIRITUAL FRIENDS

GETTING STARTED

When is a time a friend really helped you when you were in need?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you have felt if you were the paralytic when your friends decided to help you “drop in on Jesus?”
2. What quality do the four men possess that impresses you the most? (ex. faith, ingenuity, concern for their friend, determination, boldness) What qualities do you look for in friends?
3. Why did Jesus say to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven’ (v.5)? What new insight about the kingdom and himself is Jesus revealing?
4. Why did the teachers of the law get so upset?
5. Where can you be a “stretcher-bearer” for someone else in this time? In what practical ways can you show your support?
6. In this story, do you identify more with the paralytic, his friends, or the teachers of the law? Why?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to show your healing power—physically and spiritually. Thank you for friends who love us enough to point us to you. Help us to invest in these relationships and carry each other’s burdens. Heal our hearts and lives in ways we need it today. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Mark 2:1-12, Matthew 9:1-8, and Luke 5:17-26. What are the similarities and differences in these gospel accounts? How would you have responded to Jesus if you were standing in the crowd that day?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

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“Several days later Jesus returned to Capernaum, and the news of his arrival spread quickly through the town. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there wasn’t room for one more person...Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through the clay roof above his head and lowered the sick man in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My son, your sins are forgiven.’ But some of the teachers of religious law said, ‘Who but God can forgive sins!’” Mark 2:1-12

MY NOTES: