

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 - FALL KICKOFF WEEKEND

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Nursery
9:30am	DW	Kids Ministry - grades Preschool - 5
9:30am	DW	Youth Ministries - grades 6-12
11:00am	DW	Worship Service
11:00am	DW	Nursery
11:00am	DW	Kids Ministry - grades Preschool - 5

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

10:00am	DW	Sing and Play (Birth-5yrs.) in the Nursery
10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
2:00-4:00pm	DW	Helping Hands Ministry
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

6:30pm	DW	Outreach Event - see announcement - Gym
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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15 - Office Closed

9:30am	DW	Kahl Small Group
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 - Building Closed

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

	DW	Small Group Sign-ups
8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
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11:00am	DW	Nursery
11:00am	DW	Kids Ministry - grades Preschool - 5

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, 9:30, & 11:00am

Online: 11:00am (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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MESSAGE: STEP OUT OF YOUR BOAT

Matthew 14:22-36

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Welcome to Worship!

We are so excited that you have joined us for this Fall Kick-off Sunday! We are looking forward to a great morning as we start a brand new message series called “Lessons from the Lake.” Perhaps you had time this summer to play, relax, or have fun by a lake. The water is calming and refreshing. Sometimes, storms come along and churn up the waters. Join us as we see Jesus interact with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee and times when he also calls us to step out of the boat.

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



WELCOME TO FALL KICK-OFF!

Join us for Coffee and pastries just outside of door 4 (under the canopy) and have a great time visiting. There are tables outdoors and also beverages for kids and youth as well.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Are you newer to Redeemer? Join Pastor Debbie for lunch on Sunday, September 24, from 12:15-1:30pm. There's no cost to attend, but you must register to reserve your spot. Sign-up on our [WEBSITE](#) or on our mobile app under SIGN-UPS.

SMALL GROUP SIGN-UP

Our fall small group sign-up for adults will be on Sundays, September 17 & 24. There are a variety of groups and times available. See next week's Worship Folder for complete details.

WE'RE HIRING

We are continuing to look for an energetic candidate for to fill the position of **Director of Youth Ministry** at our DeWitt campus. This person is responsible for all aspects of ensuring the spiritual growth and development of youth ministry from 6-12 grade. Relationship building, curriculum selection, volunteer recruitment, and planning special events are just a few of the responsibilities to ensure the delivery of successful youth programming. This is a full-time position with evening and Sunday hours required. If you are interested in finding out more about the position or if you know someone who may be, contact [KEITH LAMB](#) (669-3430 ext. 325).

FAMILY MINISTRIES • 9:30 & 11:00AM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10

The Nursery is available Sunday mornings at 9:30 & 11:00am

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ REDEEMER - Sundays at 9:30 & 11:00am

KINGDOM KIDS

(Preschool ages 3-5)
In the Preschool Hall.

KINGDOM QUEST

(Kindergarten—grade 3)
In the Kingdom Quest

THE BRIDGE

(grades 4 & 5)
BRIDGE room in

YOUTH MINISTRY @ REDEEMER - Sundays at 9:30am

MIDDLE SCHOOL

(grades 6-8)
In the Gym

HIGH SCHOOL

(grades 9-12)
HSM Room across from
the Worship Center

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENING GROUPS

MSM Group—Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays at 9:30am
(IN THE MEETING ROOM)

SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY - Sundays at 11:00am
(IN THE MEETING ROOM)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING FOR FALL

The Friday morning Women's Bible Study will be starting up again on September 15. They meet from 9:30 - 11:00am typically every other Friday. (some dates do fluctuate.) Watch your worship folder calendar for exact dates.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SIGN-UP UNDER EVENTS ON OUR MOBILE APP OR ON OUR [WEBSITE](#)

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands continues to meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2-4 PM at the DeWitt Campus. You don't have to be crafty to come - all skill levels are needed for sewing, cutting, ironing, filling, and stringing. Our next meeting is Wed, September 13 - Join us!!!

WATER DELIVERY TO LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE

This next week, Redeemer volunteers will deliver bottled water to local police and fire departments in St. Johns & DeWitt! It's just our simple way of saying 'Thank you' during these warm Michigan months! Join us in setting aside a special time to offer a prayer of health, safety, and protection to those that serve the communities we love! This is our last water delivery this year; we'll start again next Spring.

OUTREACH PROJECTS NIGHT!

We will be doing several different Outreach Project at the DeWitt Campus on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm. All ages are welcome as we assemble Midwest Mission Kits, make Fleece and Thank You Blankets, assemble laundry pod kits and more. Join Us!!!

PLARN MAKING

We have two upcoming Plarn events this fall - 6pm on Tuesday, September 19, at the DeWitt Campus and 6pm on Tuesday, October 3, at the St. John's Campus. Join us as we make plastic yarn for homeless mats.

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

We have several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities for either daytime or evening and for a variety of ages. The sign-up can be found on our [WEBSITE](#) or on our mobile app under SIGN-UPS.

Coming Up

Sept 11 - Delivering water to local police & fire departments

Sept 14 - #BTC event - assembling kits

Sept 17 - **Advent House lunches being packed by the King Family & Friends**





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BIG IDEA: HAVE COURAGE TO STEP OUT OF YOUR BOAT

GETTING STARTED

Of all your adventures in life, which was the most daring?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you had been with the disciples and saw someone walking on the water, what would your reaction have been?
2. What do we learn about Peter from his response to Jesus? Did he “think” about it or just “do” it?
3. If you could put in a good word for Peter, what would you say?
4. What do the disciples conclude about Jesus as a result of this experience?
5. How are you at “stepping out of the boat” and taking risks?
6. Where do you feel God is leading you to get out of the boat now? What might be holding you back?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord, Jesus, thank you that you see us in the middle of the night, even when we can't see you. Help us to recognize your presence. Give us the courage to step of our boat when you call us. Help us to be open to your direction and guidance. In the name of Christ, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Matthew 14:1-36. Notice what happens at the start of the chapter and immediately before Jesus walks on water. Why does Jesus withdraw? Why does Jesus send the disciples on ahead of him? What do you learn about Jesus' identity from this passage? How does the relationship between Jesus and Peter deepen as a result of this experience?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

September 10, 2023

“During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost,’ they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’ ‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’ ‘Come’ he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand...

Matthew 14:25-31

MY NOTES: