

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

8:15AM	DW	Worship Service
9:15AM	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
9:30AM	SJ	Worship Service
10:00AM	DW	Worship Service & Livestream
10:00AM	DW	Happy Camper Summer Series Grades Preschool-5
10:00AM	DW	Nursery

MONDAY AUGUST 21

TUESDAY AUGUST 22

10AM-2PM	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7:00PM	DW	Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23

10:00AM	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
7:00-8:30PM	DW	Volunteer Training - Kid's Wing - Door 3
7:00PM	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY AUGUST 24

4:00-6:00PM	DW	Mobile Food Distribution
6:30PM	DW	MOPS/MOMS Next Event - Outdoors

FRIDAY AUGUST 25 - Building Closed

SATURDAY AUGUST 26 - Building Closed

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

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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 & 10:00am

Online: 10:00am (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: ELIJAH PRAYS

August 20, 2023

1 Kings 18:41-46 & James 5:17

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Welcome to Worship!

We are so glad you have joined us today. This morning we continue our message series called “Elijah—Man of Faith” by looking at an episode in his life that teaches us about the power of persistent prayer. So many times, we stop praying for something when we don’t see immediate results. This Scripture reminds us to keep going, to keep praying, because God is always working.

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



Join us for Kick-off Sunday on September 10th! We will resume our regular fall worship schedule with services at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00am. Between the services, plan to stay for a few minutes and enjoy some specialty coffee and refreshments with friends on the lawn. Our kids and youth programs will also be starting up at the 9:30 and 11:00 services and there will be special treats for them. Invite a friend or family member to join you for this special Sunday. You don't want to miss it!

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING



On Wednesday, August 23, we will be having our annual required volunteer training. The meeting will take place in C-1 (Multi-Purpose room) from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. We will be covering the Usher, Greeter, Information Center, and Incident Coordinator positions. We are expanding our hospitality outreach ministry and currently have opportunities for new ushers, greeters, and Information Center hosts/hostesses. This meeting is the perfect opportunity for those who have the gift of hospitality and who would like to learn more about serving God on

Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Center for anyone interested in joining the Redeemer Volunteer Team. If you have any questions, contact SANDY (669-3430 ext. 313)

PRIME TIME PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Prime Time Preschool has a few openings in their MWF morning or afternoon programs, children need to be 4 by December 1. There is also an opening in the T-Th afternoon class. For this class a child needs to be 3 by September 1. Please call Lynda Schoonover at 517-281-8858 if you are interested or have questions. Please share this information with others who might be interested.



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

Did you know that it takes nearly 30 volunteers to make Kids and Youth Ministries happen at Redeemer. If you would like to be part of the rewarding mission of mentoring Redeemer's kids and youth on their spiritual journey either sign-up at the Information Center or contact EMILY at (669-3430 ext. 306.)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ADVENT HOUSE

Thank You to the Sunday & Wednesday morning Senior Bible Study groups for purchasing, preparing, and delivering 100 bagged lunches to the Advent House Shelter for the month of August!!



We are excited to share that between our two campuses, we have FILLED 255 backpacks. These are going to kids at Safe-Center, St. John's, Bath, Geir, and Sheridan Schools, along with an additional 50+ empty backpacks and extra supplies.

Thank you to 5 Star Physical Therapy, St. Jude's Catholic Church, and Gunnisonville UMC for partnering with us this year and helping kids start the school year off equipped to learn!

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

We have several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities for either daytime or evening and for a variety of ages. Please visit the mobile app under SIGN-UPS or the Redeemer [WEBSITE](http://www.redeemer.org) to sign-up.

Coming Up

- Aug 20 – Advent House lunches (provided and packed by the Senior Bible Study Group this month)
- Aug 23 – Sort donations at the Greater Lansing Food Bank
- Aug 24 – Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
- Aug 29 – Making Fleece and Thank You Blankets
- Sept 7 – Assembling Homeless bags
- Sept 7 – Delivering the Ronald McDonald House dinner

More opportunities will be added in September; check the sign-up for times and future events!





ELIJAH PRAYS

1 KINGS 18:41-46 & JAMES 5:17

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Big Idea: BE PERSISTENT AND CONFIDENT IN PRAYER

GETTING STARTED

When is a time you felt as if it was you against the world?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Elijah tell Ahab to 'eat and drink' and his servant to keep looking? What would they have been thinking?
2. Why does Elijah go back up on Mt. Carmel to pray? Why does he pray with his head between his knees? What must he be feeling?
3. Elijah was persistent in praying for rain. When have you been extremely persistent in praying for something? What happened?
4. On the other hand, sometimes it is easy to give up praying for someone or something when we don't seem to get an answer. What have you stopped praying for? Is it time to start again?
5. Elijah treated King Ahab well, even though the king had not reciprocated. When is this easy or hard for you?
6. How does Elijah outrun King Ahab's chariot (v.46)? When has God given you supernatural strength for a season or time in your life?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord God, thank you for Elijah's example of what it means to be persistent in prayer. Help us to continue to seek you, even when we don't see immediate results. Help us to give our 'opponents' or difficult people grace and treat them well. May we rely on your strength for the journey each day. In the name of Christ, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read I Kings 18:41-46 and James 5:13-18. Why do you think James uses Elijah as an example? How does prayer help you to grow in your faith? Think of an example of a specific prayer that was answered. Thank God for the ways that He intervened on your behalf.

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

August 20, 2023

"Elijah climbed to the top of Mt. Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees. Then he said to his servant, 'Go and look out toward the sea.' The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, 'I didn't see anything.' Seven times Elijah told him to go and look. Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, 'I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea.' Then Elijah shouted, 'Hurry to Ahab and tell him, 'Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don't hurry, the rain will stop you!' And soon the rain poured." I Kings 18:42-44

MY NOTES: