

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JULY 9

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

MONDAY JULY 10

TUESDAY JULY 11

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

WEDNESDAY JULY 12

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
10-11am	DW	Sing & Play - Infant - 5 years old - Nursery room
	DW	<i>No Helping Hands today - Join us next week</i>
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY JULY 13

FRIDAY JULY 14- Building Closed

SATURDAY JULY 15 - Building Closed

SUNDAY JULY 16

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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: ALWAYS BE PREPARED
Acts 8:26-39

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Welcome to Worship!

We are so glad that you have joined us today. This morning, we continue our “Road Trip” message series by looking at a man named Philip in the book of Acts who followed God’s directions. We will learn to “Always Be Prepared” to share the reason for the hope that we have. Even when we face “Detours,” we see that God is always leading us.

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:

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Announcements



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 • 5:30-8:00PM

Summer Fun Night is quickly approaching – save the date for Wed, August 9 from 5:30-8PM at the DeWitt campus!!! Be sure to invite a friend, share in your neighborhood groups, and sign up to volunteer under events on the mobile app or myredeemer.church website!! This fun evening is open to everyone in the community, and everything is FREE – smoked all beef hot dogs from

Clyde's BBQ Pit, Kona Ice, kid games, BINGO, Inflatables, live music from the Worship Band, and more! This is our chance to spread the love of Jesus through a fun, relaxing evening. We hope to see you there!



We invite you to take some time to remember our youth summer camps in prayer. These camps happen all summer long and are an impactful part of the Christian journey for many of our students. Pray for safety, good weather, and for the eternal difference being made in so many young lives.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

JOIN US FOR 'SING AND PLAY' THIS WEEK!



Join us on Wednesday, July 12 from 10-11:00am for story hour with Ms. Emily! Come with your Infant - Pre-school aged children for songs, art, play, and more! This will be a fun and interactive, monthly experience for your little learner. We meet the second Wednesday of every month. Come join us in the Nursery at Redeemer Church! Question - contact [EMILY](#) at 669-3430 ext. 306.

HELP ORGANIZING

How do you entertain over 100 preschooler through 5th graders for 10 hours? You hold a 4-day Vacation Bible Camp. What do you do after that....all the supplies have to go back in the Art room. That's where you come in. Emily is looking for another person who loves to organize - to revamp the Art room. After a couple of years of Kid's ministry and Vacation Bible Camps, things just aren't quite where they used to be. The room could use a complete overhaul at this point. If organizing is your passion, contact [EMILY](#) to set up details for a straightening-bee.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

MILITARY KITS AND UMCOR SCHOOL KITS

[SIGN-UP](#) and join us on Tuesday, July 18, as we assemble Military Kits for the DeWitt Blue Star Mothers, Midwest Missions / UMCOR School Kits, and other activities as time allows. All ages are welcome.

HELPING HANDS

We will meet a week later this month - Wednesday, July 19, from 2-4pm! All skill levels are needed for sewing, cutting, stringing bags, and ironing as we continue to work on mission projects to help make a difference in people's life. No need to sign up - everyone is invited to join us at the DeWitt Campus meeting room (door #4)!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have several #BeTheChurch volunteer opportunities for either daytime or evening and for a variety of ages. Click here to [SIGN-UP](#) or visit the mobile app under SIGN-UPS .

- July 10 - Sort donations at St. Vincent DePaul in St. Johns
- July 16 - Advent House Lunches (*Thank You Deb Christensen, the Prayer Group and the Chosen Vision Girls*)
- July 17 - St. John's monthly outreach projects
- July 18 – Packing Military kits, Midwest Mission / UMCOR School Kits, and more
- July 19 - Sort donations at the Greater Lansing Food Bank
- July 19 (DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH)- Helping Hands (sewing & assembling mission projects)
- July 20 - Make lunches at Good News Kitchen
- July 20 - Help unload Food Pantry Delivery at 7:30AM
- July 25 - St. John's evening outreach
- July 27 - Mobile Drive-Thru Food Distribution
- Aug 3 - Deliver meal to Ronald McDonald House
- Aug 7 - Deliver water to local Police & Fire Departments
- Aug 9 - Helping Hands (sewing & assembling mission projects)



Redeemer Outreach
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ALWAYS BE PREPARED

Acts 8:26-39

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Big Idea: **ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE REASON FOR YOUR HOPE**

GETTING STARTED

When did you get your first Bible? Who gave it to you? What is your favorite Bible story or verse?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your impression of the Ethiopian official in this story?
2. Why does the eunuch visit Jerusalem (see 2:1-11)? He was reading Isaiah 53. In what ways does Jesus fit the picture of the one described there?
3. What is your impression of Philip in this story?
4. Would you have been obedient to run up to the chariot as Philip did? Why or why not?
5. How did God pave the way for his message? What is the relationship between divine preparation and human initiative in this story?
6. 'Always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that you have.' Would you know the Bible well enough to address the eunuch's questions? How can you be prepared for similar opportunities?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, thank you for being our source of direction. You set up divine appointments for us to share your hope. Help us to be obedient and to see and to recognize them. Give us the courage to speak when we need to and to listen when you call us to listen. In the name of Christ, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Acts 8:1-8 & 26-39. How did Stephen's death impact the growth of the early church? Given that the Samaritans were considered outcasts by the Jews, why do you think Philip went to Samaria? What do you learn about Philip from this passage? Where might God be calling you to be obedient and share the hope the Christ?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

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"Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important treasury official... This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' Then Philip ran up to the chariot... 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus." Acts 8:26-30, 35

MY NOTES: