HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FEBRUAR	Y 5
DW	Worship Service
ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-12
DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Rm
DW	Nursery
DW	Worship
DW	Family Ministries Grades Preschool-8
DW	Seekers Bible Study - Meeting rm - Join us!
DW	High School Youth Group
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MONDAY	FEBRUAR	RY 6
10:00am	DW	MOPS Play-date

DW 0:00am

TUESDAY	FEBRUARY	7
10am-2pm	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7pm	DW	Food Pantry
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Youth Group

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8 10:00am DW Senior Bible Study Helping Hands Ministry - Meeting Room 2:00-4:00pm DW 2:30-4:30pm DW Open Gym Worship Team Practice 7:00pm DW

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 9** 10:00am DW Homeless Bag Assembly

FRIDAY	FEBRU/	ARY 10
6:45am		High School Bible Study at DHS Library
9:30am	DW	Kahl/Smith Small Group
6-8pm	DW	NERF WARS!! - door 4

FEBRUARY 11 - Building Closed SATURDAY

SUNDAY	FEBRUAR	Y 12
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
11:00am	DW	Confirmation Class
11:00am	DW	Seekers Bible Study - Meeting rm - Join us!
6:00-7:30pm	DW	High School Youth Group

Key: DW-DeWitt; SJ-St. Johns; ON-Online; All-All Campuses

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5 Would you like to receive our weekly enews? Keep up with what's happening, sign-up for our enews. contact us at: office@dewittredeemer.org



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MESSAGE: Where is Heaven and What is it Like? Revelation 21:10-21

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Welcome to worship!

We are so grateful that you have joined us this morning. Today, we kick-off a brand-new message series entitled "Heaven: Our True Home." This month, we are tackling questions about heaven and looking to find as many Biblical answers as we can. We start with the question: Where is heaven and what is it like? Our prayer is that this series will touch your heart and mind as we long for our eternal home!



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



<u>Announcements</u>



Start out the season of Lent this year by coming to the Ash Wednesday Service on February 22, at 7:00pm. It is a special service of worship to prepare your heart and mind for the Lenten journey and ends with the opportunity to receive ashes as a symbol of cleansing and repentance. Nursery care will be provided and it will also be live-streamed.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

If you are newer to Redeemer, we would love to have you join us for Pizza with the Pastor, **Sunday, February 26**, at 12:15pm in the Meeting Room. This is a time for you and your family to meet with Pastor Debbie and others who are new to Redeemer Church for casual conversation over lunch. There is no cost to attend—simply RSVP to <u>WENDY</u> or text 517-819-9706 to reserve your spot.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



The Endowment Fund of Redeemer Church was established to provide a college scholarship opportunity for our graduating high school seniors. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be an active participant of Redeemer Church and beginning their freshman year at a Christian college in the Fall semester. Scholarships from \$500 up to \$1,000

may be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Awards Committee. Scholarship applications are due by March 31. If you have any questions about the qualifications, contact our business administrator, Keith Lamb, for more details at

keith@dewittredeemer.org. Download the application from our website at myredeemer.church under "get involved/youth". If you would like to support this scholarship, contributions to this <u>fund</u> can be made at any time. Please specify "college scholarship" on your check or electronic gift.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

BABY BLESSINGS MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone all who have donated already to the Baby Blessings Ministry. The collection will wrap up next Sunday, February 12.

We are looking for a team of volunteers at each campus (2

people and possibly 2 vehicles for each campus.) If you would like to deliver the items from DeWitt to Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing, please contact <u>Suzie</u> Unruh at 669-3430, ext. 312 or at . This is always a very rewarding task.

See the display in the lobby or myredeemer.church for suggested donation items.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are invited to join us for food sorting at the Greater Lansing Food Bank on Thursday, February 16, and Wednesday, March 1. For specific times and sign ups -<u>CLICK HERE</u> or the Redeemer mobile app under the Signup button.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT...

Upcoming Outreach Activities

- Th 2/9 10am Assemble Homeless Bags
- > To help, sign-up <u>HERE</u>.



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.

Contact EMILY at to help.

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** (M-TH), **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 <u>MEGAN</u>

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!

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 <u>HERE</u>.





Big Idea: HEAVEN IS OUR HEART'S TRUE HOME!

GETTING STARTED

What do you look forward to the most when you think about heaven?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How can knowing the location of your ultimate "home" affect your attitude toward life and aging today? (2 Cor. 5:1-5)
- 2. How does Paul's "home" affect his daily living? (v.6-10)
- 3. What is John's first impression of the New Jerusalem in Rev. 21:11? What do you think is the significance of the foundations and the gates? Of what is it constructed?
- 4. When in the past week have you needed a vision of the Holy City—the joyous place that awaits you?
- 5. How would you describe heaven to a friend? What words and terms would you use?
- 6. How do you feel about knowing that the Holy City will be your hometown? That it will last forever? That Jesus has prepared it for you? Does it change your life-style?
- 7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Almighty God, it is so amazing to consider the home that you have built for us in the heavens. We try to describe it with our human language, yet it falls so short of its real beauty. Thank you for this most precious gift. Keep our eyes focused on the future. Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Rev. 21:11-27 and Ezekiel 40:1-5, 48:30-35. Compare the vision in Revelation with the vision described in Ezekiel. What do you notice and see? What impresses you the most about the city and Jesus' presence there? Why? What is required to be a citizen of this New Jerusalem (v.27)?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

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"So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. That is why we live by believing and not by seeing. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 "So he took me in spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It was filled with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious gem, crystal clear like jasper...The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass." Rev. 21:10-11, 21

MY NOTES: