### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	AUGU	ST 13
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 14

TUESDAY	AUGUS	T 15
10AM-2PM	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7:00PM	DW	Food Pantry

10:00AM	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
6:30pm	DW	Assemble Teacher Kits - Kids Wing - Door 3

7:00PM Worship Team Practice

#### THURSDAY **AUGUST 17**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16** 

FRIDAY		AUGUST 18 -	- Building Close	d
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#### AUGUST 19 - Building Closed

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



#### 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: WHICH GOD DO YOU SERVE?

1 Kings 18:16-40

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# Welcome to Worship!

We are so glad that you have joined us today. In what ways are you called to stand up for your faith in our world today—at work, at school, at home, etc.? We are continuing our message series this morning called "Elijah— Man of Faith" by looking at Elijah's story and the ways God worked in his life. Just like Elijah, we are called to stand strong in our faith and not waver, no matter what happens.

#### 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



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# <u>Announce</u>ments

#### **ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023 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 form on the Information Center for anyone interested in joining the Redeemer Volunteer Team. If there are any questions, contact <u>SANDY</u> (669-3430 ext. 313)

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

Did you know that it takes nearly <u>30</u> volunteers to make Kids and Youth Ministries happen at Redeemer. *Please prayerfully consider joining one of the teams below this fall and help invest in the spiritual growth of our kids and youth as we share the love and life of Jesus Christ.* 

**REDEEMER KIDS' MINISTRY** • CONTACT **EMILY** OR SIGN UP AT THE INFO CENTER

#### **KINGDOM KIDS** • 3-5 YEAR OLDS

**ADULTS** to teach Bible lessons, music, crafts, and games/activities. Lessons and supplies are provided - just be ready to teach! Serve with a Co-leader, flexible scheduling is possible.



**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** - High school age (to assist Leaders)

#### **KINGDOM QUEST** • KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 3

**KIDS' WELCOME STATION** • Greet students/families; provide directions to classrooms, and assist with NEW DIGITAL CHECK-IN system

**LEADERS** to teach Bible lessons and guide children through activities in specific areas: movies, drama, cooking, art, games and Bible skills.

SHEPHERDS to greet, participate with and care for kids in KQ

**TECH ASSISTANT** to operate the AV equipment for opening program, movies, and lesson question time.

### **THE BRIDGE** • GRADES 4-5

**LEAD TEACHERS** to serve bi-monthly or once a month to lead various activities including Bible lessons, crafts, dramas, and videos.

**ASSISTANTS** to serve bi-monthly or once a month to help the lead teacher with various activities including Bible lessons, crafts, dramas, and videos.

**REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY** • GRADES 6-8 & GRADES 9-12

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#### **NEXT STEP MINISTRY**

The Next Step ministry is still in need of 4-5 people (Pals). This opportunity would take about one to two hours of time per month. The idea



is to prayerfully support and connect (by snail mail or email) with a new graduate that is new at "adulting". This can be done as an individual, a couple or a group. The coordinators will give you direction, ideas, fellowship opportunities, and information about the graduate.

\*Please understand that this is intended to be one way communication, to help them keep a church connection during this life change.

We are hoping to have a pal assigned to each graduate by August 20. Please contact Lisa Lamb or Sue Ruegsegger via <u>EMAIL</u> if you are interested.

### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

#### **TEACHER & STAFF KITS**

We will be assembling 500 kits for DeWitt & St John's school staff on Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30pm. This fun kit is just a nice way to let them know we are praying for them, for the students, and for another safe and successful school year!! Join us at the DeWitt Campus – no need to sign up!! All ages are welcome! (St. John's campus will assemble at our monthly outreach on August 15).

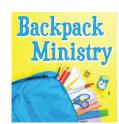


#### **SUMMER FUN NIGHT**

Thank you to everyone that joined us for Summer Fun Night!! Our prayer is that Jesus' love was spread and connections were made through this fun and relaxing evening. None of it would be possible without all the amazing volunteers that helped - a huge thank you to this group!!!

#### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Thank you for providing backpacks and supplies for local kids. Our goal is 225 filled backpacks for Safe-Center, St. Johns, Bath, Sheridan and, and Gier Park schools! Thank you also to 5 Star Physical Therapy, Gunnisonville UMC, and St. Jude's Catholic Church for partnering with us this year.



We will sort, inventory, and shop for needed items starting tomorrow. Everyone is invited to joins for packing the bags. DeWitt Campus will pack on Sunday, August 20 at 11AM.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS - SIGN-UP ON THE WEBSITE OR MOBILE APP**

Aug 14 - Inventory Backpack supplies - DeWitt Campus

Aug 16 - Assemble 500 Teacher kits at 6:30PM - DeWitt Campus - join us!

Aug 17 - Unload Food Pantry order at 7:30AM - DeWitt Campus

Aug 24 - Mobile Food Distribution from 4-6:00PM - DeWitt Campus



THE MAKING OF A MAN OF GOD

1 KINGS 18:16-40

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