

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 30

8:15am DW Worship Service
 9:30am ALL Worship Service & Livestream
 9:30am DW Family Ministries **Grades Preschool-12**
 9:30am DW Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
 9:30 & 11am DW Nursery
 11:00am DW Worship
 11:00am DW Family Ministries **Grades Preschool-8**
 11:00am DW Seekers Bible Study - Meeting room - Join us!
 6:00-7:30pm DW High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5

MONDAY MAY 1

10:00am DW MOPS/MOMS Next Playdate - gym - door 5

TUESDAY MAY 2

10am-2pm DW Food Pantry
 5:30-7pm DW Food Pantry
 6:00-7:30pm DW Middle School Youth Group - Gym
 6:00-7:30pm DW Luke Thompson Bible Study - door 4

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

10:00am DW Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
 2:30-4:30 DW Open Gym
 6:30pm DW Fleece & Thank Y. Blankets - Mtg. rm - door 4
 7:00pm DW Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY MAY 4

6:30pm DW MOPS/MOMS Next - Multi. Rm. - door 3

FRIDAY MAY 5 - Building Closed

9:30am DW Kahl/Smith Small Group - Meeting rm. - door 4

SATURDAY MAY 6 - Building Closed

SUNDAY MAY 7 - CELEBRATION SUNDAY

8:15am DW Worship Service
 8:45-9:45am or 10:15-11:15am DW Celebration Brunch
 9:30am ALL Worship Service & Livestream
 9:30am DW Family Ministries **Grades Preschool-12**
 9:30am DW Adult Bible Study - Meeting room
 9:30 & 11am DW Nursery
 11:00am DW Worship
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 6:00-7:30pm DW High School Youth Group - Gym - door 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:

In-person:
 8:15, 9:30, 11:00am
 Online: 9:30am (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: *What If...We Do Something Extraordinary*
 Isaiah 54:2-4 & 43:18-10

April 30, 2023

Pew Bible pg. 611 & 601

Welcome to Worship!

We are so grateful that you have joined us this morning. Today, we continue our message series called "Imagine the Possibilities."

We are looking at the question: What if?

Often, this phrase can invoke fear in our minds as we think of all the things that could go wrong in our world. But what if the question isn't as much about fear, but about possibility? This morning, we look at the question: "What if...we do something extraordinary?" We are called to enlarge our capacity, stretch our commitment, and expand our influence to make a difference for Christ in our community.

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)



Announcements

NEW MEMBERS ENTERING TODAY

We are excited to announce that we have four people entering into membership this morning. They have completed the classes and are ready to pledge their commitment and service to Redeemer. Join us in welcoming the following new members: Dave and Cheryl Fassezke and Jeff and Linda Smithwick.



Please turn in your brunch reservation card TODAY if you have not already done so. You can fill one out on the mobile app under events or on our [website](#). Cards are also at the info center.

Be sure to bring your commitment card with you next Sunday so we may bring them to the platform during service and honor God with our gifts.



Sunday Morning Summer Hours

May 28 - September 3
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)

8:15 AM Traditional
10 AM Modern

SPRING CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SATURDAY, MAY 20



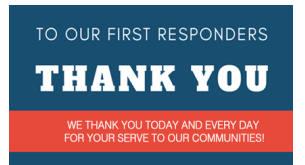
Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 20, to help with our annual spring clean-up. We have plenty to do this year, including: cleaning flower areas, cleaning around the sign, and of course, mulching. With so much to do, we need lots of help, so hopefully there is a wide enough range to pique your interest. We will get started at 8:00am and will wrap up around noon. You don't have to stay the whole time; whatever time you can volunteer within that window would be greatly appreciated!

Please bring your favorite yard tools, gloves, and wheelbarrows if available. Questions: please contact Jeff Parker at 517-243-2826.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

WATER DELIVERY TO LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE

This 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! 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! If you would like to help deliver – please see the #BeTheChurch online [sign-up](#).



GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK

Every month the #BeTheChurch Outreach goes out to the Greater Lansing Food Bank to help sort items. Volunteers are needed - age 14 on up – upcoming dates are May 12, June 14, and July 19. See the #BeTheChurch [sign up](#) to join us or contact Suzie Unruh at sunruh@dewittredeemer.org

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands continues to meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2-4PM at the DeWitt Campus. In May we will start on the Military Cool Ties for Blue Star Mothers, with a goal of 100 ties by July. All skill levels are needed for sewing, cutting, ironing, and filling. Mark your calendar now to join us on May 10!!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023

JUNE 19-22 (M-TH) • 9:00-11:30AM

Our theme this year is “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light”; with engaging Bible stories, art & science explorations, and energizing games where your child will learn how to shine their light for Jesus!



[Registration](#) is open for both Preschool and Elementary Space Crews! Register early as Preschool spots are limited to room space and do fill.

If you are interested in volunteering for this stellar week, please fill out the volunteer application on our website under events. We have many areas available for you to serve!



SUPPLY NEEDS: • Ziplock [sandwich bags](#) (200 total) • [Baby wipes](#) - generic for hand washing before/after snacks (need 40 packages for the week).

Supplies can be left at the VBC display in the lobby.



What If... We Do Something Extraordinary? Isaiah 54:2-4; 43:18-19 Pew Bible pg. 611 & 601

Big Idea: STRETCH YOUR COMMITMENT AND EXPAND YOUR INFLUENCE

GETTING STARTED

If your house were on fire, what three things would you save and why?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the prophet Isaiah mean by using this image of enlarging your tent? How did it encourage the Israelites in exile?
2. When Jerusalem was rebuilt after the exile, it did not regain the influence and status it had before. How was the prophet helping to paint a picture of what could be if they enlarged their capacity?
3. Think about a time in your life when you were asked to stretch your commitment (sports, band, graduate program, etc.)? What motivation helped you reach higher?
4. What “stream in the desert” is bubbling up for you now? Where is God opening up a place to expand your influence?
5. What “new thing” (v.19) has the Lord done in your life? What is he doing now? Where is he asking you to stretch your commitment?
6. Why do you give to Redeemer Church? What ministries do you love to support as you give to God through Redeemer?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Amazing God, thank you for this challenge to step out in faith to enlarge our capacity and expand our influence. May we be obedient to stretch our commitment and follow where you ask us to go. Give us joy and peace as we rest in your peace and promises. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Isaiah 54 and 55. What is God’s message to the exiles? What is required of them to receive this promise and blessing of God to expand their territory? What promise in these chapters means the most to you at this point in your life?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

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“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in cities. Fear not, for you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you.”

Isaiah 54: 2-4

“But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:18-19

MY NOTES: