

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 23

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 APRIL 24

6:30pm	DW	Finance Meeting -Multi. room - door 3
6:30pm	DW	New Member Class - Meeting rm - door 4

TUESDAY APRIL 25

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 APRIL 26

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
2:30-4:30	DW	Open Gym
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY APRIL 27

FRIDAY APRIL 28 - Building Closed

SATURDAY APRIL 29 - Building Closed

SUNDAY APRIL 30

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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:

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 Seek God First?*

Matthew 6:25-34

April 23, 2023

Pew Bible pg. 804

Welcome to Worship!

Thank you for joining us this morning.

We are in a series of messages entitled “Imagine the Possibilities.”

We are taking time to dream and imagine what God can do through us as a congregation. Today, we look at Jesus’ words in Matthew 6 as he re-

minds us not to worry but to keep our eyes focused FIRST on Him. He is our

Provider always.

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)



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Announcements

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING

We are delighted to have Rev. Gary Step as our preacher this morning. Gary is the Senior Director of Leadership Development for the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan. In this role, he guides congregations to live as generous communities of faith, coaches pastors to be inspiring steward leaders, and leads learning cohorts to address organizational transformation. He has a heart for helping churches to be vibrant places of mission and ministry. Welcome, Gary!



Celebration Brunch
May 7
DeWitt:
8:45 - 9:45 am
10:15 - 11:15 am
St Johns:
10:30 - 11:30 am

Please take a moment to fill out the [RSVP card](#), drop it one of in the offering boxes this morning, then join us for the Celebration Brunch in the gym May 7.

2023 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND PARENTS

We invite you to include celebration at Redeemer in your graduation plans.

We will have a special time of recognition for our high school graduates **during the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, May 21st**. There will also be a breakfast beforehand from 8:30-9:15am in the gym, to which all family members and relatives are invited. We realize that grandparents and other extended family might be in town for the day, and we invite them to participate as well.

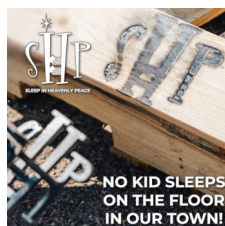
If you did not receive a letter and RSVP in the mail, please pick one up at the information center and let us know how many in your family will be attending. If you are submitting picture for the slide show, they need to be to the [church](#) office by May 8



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE THANK YOU!

Thank You to everyone that joined us for bed building day and helped us fulfill Sleep In Heavenly Peace's mission of "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town"! Watch the worship folder and the [Redeemer Outreach Facebook page](#) for the date on when we will start delivering to kids in need.



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](#).

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!!

OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

The Outreach monthly newsletter has been updated – see the [Redeemer Outreach Facebook page](#) to view the latest copy. We have several volunteer opportunities available for either daytime or evening and for a variety of ages. If you are interested in learning more, please visit our mobile app under SIGN-UPS/ #BeTheChurch or the Redeemer [website](#).

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! This Camp is designed for kids [heading into](#) grades 1-5.

Our Preschool Space Place is designed for our youngest cadets, ages 3 to 5 years, before they have entered Kindergarten. They will have their own space and activities. For the 3 year old class, your child must be 3 years old on or by April 1, 2023. All preschool explorers must be fully potty trained and bathroom independent.

[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](#). We have many areas available for you to serve!



SUPPLY NEEDS: If you have empty paper towel holders laying around, please donate them to VBC. There will be a box near the display table for your donations. Thanks! (no toilet paper rolls this time please.)





What If... We Seek God First? Matthew 6:25-34 Pew Bible pg. 804

Big Idea: KEEP LOOKING FORWARD WITH EYES ON JESUS

GETTING STARTED

In our society, how is success generally measured? Where do you feel pressured to meet this standard?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Jesus tell his disciples not to do? Why? What does Jesus urge them to do instead? Why? What will result?
2. Why does Jesus use birds of the air and lilies of the field as examples? Do they resonate with you? Why or why not?
3. What causes you the most worry? What is God saying to you through this passage about handling your particular worry or disappointment?
4. How do you seek to be proactive in your generosity? How do you give to God your first-fruits, not your leftovers?
5. V.27: 'Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?' What is Jesus saying in this verse? What does it mean to you?
6. What is one thing you can do in the coming week to "seek FIRST his kingdom and his righteousness?"
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for your examples in in this passage, teaching us not to worry. Help us to keep our eyes focused on you. May we seek you first in all that we do, including the way that we give and live out our calling to generosity. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Matthew 6:19-34. How does the way we handle our treasures relate to the concept of worry? Why does Jesus talk about them together? What is easy or difficult for you about giving to God through the church? How have you trusted God to be your Provider?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

April 23, 2023



"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6: 25-27, 33

MY NOTES: