HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday	January 16		
8:15a	DW	Worship	
9a	ON	Children's Ministry Zoom	
9:30	ALL	Worship	
9:30a	DW	Christian Education Preschool - grade 12	
9:30a	DW	Adult Bible Study	
11a	DW	Worship	
9:30 & 11a	DW	Nursery	
6-7:30p	DW	High School Group	

Monday - January 17

Tuesday	January 18		
10a-2p	DW	Food Pantry	
5:30-7p	DW	Food Pantry	
6-7:30p	DW	Middle School Youth Group	

weunesday	January 15		
10a	DW	Senior Bible Study	
2:30-4:30p	DW	Open Gym	
7n	DW	Worshin Team Pract	

Thursday January 20 6:30p DW MOPS/MOMS Next 7:00p Trustee Meeting

Friday January 21 BUILDING CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

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



DeWitt (Main Office)

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517-669-3430

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30a-4:30p

Sunday Services:

In-person: 8:15, 9:30, 11a

Online: 9:30a (Fb. & YouTube)

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Office Hours:

Tue & Wed: 1-4p

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9:30a

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Welcome! We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. In our message series this month, we are looking at Essential Practices of the Christian faith. Last week, we talked about serving. This week, we will focus on worship. Just as great athletes spend a lot of time practicing, so too there are disciplines we need to practice in order to grow in our faith and contribute to the mission of Christ. Today, we look at two questions:

- When you come to worship, what do vou seek to discover?
- What motivates you to come or participate online?

Let's seek God together!



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 online check in through our app or by scanning this QR code by visiting myredeemer.church/ connect.



Enews

Keep up with what's happening, sign up for our enews. contact us at: office@dewittredeemer.org

Announcements

MARRIAGE TOOLBOX SMALL GROUP STARTING SOON



Sign-up today for this weekly small group for married and/or dating couples to learn easy-to-use tools to improve communication in their relationship. This is a great way to invest in your marriage as we start this new year! The group will be led by Pastor Debbie and Paul Thomas

on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30p starting January 30—March 20. Hybrid format: inperson and online. Sign-up through our mobile app or website and indicate your preference for attending in-person or online.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR



If you are newer to Redeemer, we would love to have you join us for Pizza with the Pastor on Sunday, January 30, at noon. We'll meet in the large room of the Children's wing. This is a time for you/your family to meet with Pastor Debbie, Pastor Rod, and others who are new to Redeemer Church for casual conversation over

lunch. There is no cost to attend—but Sign-up is required to hold your spot. Register through our mobile app under SIGN-UPS or at <u>myredeemer.church</u> under GET IN-VOLVED/EVENTS..

WE'RE HIRING!

Just a reminder...we continue to search for a qualified candidate for the position of **Director of Kid's Ministry** at our DeWitt campus. This person is responsible for all aspects of ensuring the spiritual growth and development of our next generation, birth—5th grade. This includes curriculum selection, volunteer recruitment and development, planning special events, and creative skills to ensure successful delivery of kid's programming. This position is full-time with Sunday and some evening hours required. For more details and responsibilities, check out our website: www.myredeemer.church/staff or contact Keith Lamb in the church office, keith@dewittredeemer.org or 517-669-3430, ext. 325.

Children's Ministry / Student Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP!!



We have begun Sunday night High School Group! All students 9-12 grade are invited to join us in the gym from 6pm-7:30p. We can't wait to meet you and connect with you!

STARTING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 - OPEN GYM

Starting January 12, we will be having open gym on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30p for grades 6-12. Sam and Megan plan to be in the gym, come and hang out with them and shoot some hoops or just shoot the breeze!

REDEEMER OUTREACH

Along with our yearly scheduled outreach ministries, such as Back-to-School and Giving Tree, Redeemer now provides many weekly hands-on opportunities through our **#bethechurch** ministry. There are one-time projects you can now help with such as 'Fleece and Thank You' blankets for young hospital patients, delivering hot meals to Ronald McDonald House, or



assembling beds for 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace.' To find out more information, check us out on the Redeemer website under Outreach and "like" our **#bethechurch** Facebook page (this is a separate ministry page in addition to the Redeemer Church page).

Please contact Suzie with any questions at: sunruh@dewittredeemer.org.



Available Sunday mornings at 9:30 & 11:00a

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ REDEEMER - Sundays @ 9:30a

Kingdom Kids Preschool (ages 3-5)



Kingdom Quest (Kindergarten—grade 3)



THE BRIDGE (grades 4 & 5)



STUDENT MINISTRY @ REDEEMER

Sundays @ 9:30a

Middle School (grades 6-8)



High School (grades 9-12)



STUDENT MINISTRY EVENING GROUPS

HSM Group—Sundays @6:00-7:30 p

MSM Group—Tuesdays @6:00-7:30 p

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS AT 9:30a

(IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM)





BIG IDEA: WORSHIP IS AN ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN PRACTICE

Getting Started

Who is the best coach you've ever had in sports or in life? What made him/her such a good coach?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

- 1. How would you define worship? What does it mean to you?
- 2. How do you prepare to meet God in worship? What motivates you to come to worship or to participate online?
- 3. What reasons does the Psalmist give to praise God? What other reasons can you provide that cause you to praise God?
- 4. What is the difference between praise and thanksgiving? (v.4) How do you express these to God?
- 5. What helps you connect with God during the worship service? What hinders you?
- 6. Worship is an essential Christian practice. How does committing to worship each week help your spiritual growth? When do you miss it?
- 7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

Prayer: God, thank you for the ability to express our attitudes and emotions to you through prayer and worship. As we gather together each week, may we remember who you are, what you have done, and give you the thanks and praise that you deserve. Keep our hearts and minds centered on you this week as we worship you. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Going Deeper: Read Psalm 100 and Psalm 103. What is the tone? How do you feel after reading them? Do you tend to be a complainer or a praiser? Satisfied or dissatisfied? Why? Has affliction made you positive or negative? How do these Psalms and others help?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:1-5

My Notes: