

WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Finding & Following Jesus

AUGUST 26, 2018

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Sing to the King*

**How Great Is Our God*

**How Great Thou Art - #483:1,3,4 (grey)*

*GOD'S GREETING/WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

(Children, ages 3-1st grade are dismissed for Children's Worship.)

OFFERINGS: The first offering is for Westwood Church, and our denomination, the Christian Reformed Church. The second offering is for Friendship Ministries.

OFFERTORY: *Joel & Hailey Altena*

PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE *(ending with the Lord's Prayer)*

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-8

SERMON: "New Creation"

PRAYER

**Until That Day Comes*

*BLESSING

**Build Your Kingdom Here*

*SENDING

*INDICATES PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

WELCOME TO WESTWOOD

Welcome to worship at Westwood CRC! *A Christ-centered community inspiring people to find and follow Jesus!* It is a joy to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about us, we invite you to fill out a Welcome card in the pew racks and return it to the box on the Welcome Center or place it in the offering bag. We invite you to stay after the service and enjoy refreshments, available at both the Lobby and Kitchen Coffee Spots.

Hearing aid units are available near the office window at the entrance of the building. If you need help with them speak to one of the greeters.

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 - 1st graders are invited part-way through our Worship Gathering to go downstairs for their own special time of praise and learning. A teacher will direct you downstairs, where they can be picked up after Worship.

Prayer after worship: After every service, people are available to pray with you in the Prayer Room. No prayer is too small - whether for thanksgiving, healing support or salvation - for yourself or someone close to you.

OFFERING INFORMATION

Weekly Giving

Envelope Giving 8-19-18.....\$4,675.10
Online Giving (8/17 - 8/23)\$991.00

Envelope Giving 8-19-18

Faith Promise\$20.00
Tuition Assistance\$70.00

Special Offerings 8-19-18

Faith Promise\$446.75

Next Sunday morning the offering will be for Westwood's Tuition Assistance Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we conclude our sermon series on the biblical theme of “Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation.” Pastor Mike will preach from Revelation 21:1-8 - “New Creation”.

Membership Transfer: Recently the Pastoral Elders approved the request of Mary Lou (Deters) DeYoung to transfer her membership to the Westend Community Church in Nashville, TN. Pray that Mary Lou will experience great joy as she worships, fellowships, and serves in her new church home.

Tuition assistance: if you would like to discuss assistance from our tuition assistance fund, please contact your district deacon or Steve Huyser

Want to help more in our recycling efforts? Bring your own coffee mug along to use on Sunday mornings—easy!

WESTWORD will be coming out on September 9. Please get your articles in by Wednesday, September 5 to amiched@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU

“Thank you for all the prayers, calls, and good wishes during Carole’s recent surgeries. We are so grateful for our Westwood family.” - *Hank & Carole Apotheker*

“We would like to thank the congregation for all the visits, prayers, and cards for Ron.” - *Ron & Sue Vlietstra*



EVENTS

Ministry Teams (Prayer, Worship, Children’s, Youth, Adult, Outreach & Connect) please mark your calendar. We will be meeting together on September 9 at 11:45 for lunch, and then as teams we will work on writing our S.M.A.R.T. goals for the new ministry season.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 11 at 10 AM. The topic will be “Difficult Sayings of the Bible.”

Adult Choir: Grab a pencil, water bottle & a friend - join us for choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM starting on September 12.

Youth Worship Choir: This NEW group will learn praise songs to help lead worship seasonally. Open to youth in 1st-12th grade, we start singing together on Wednesdays at 5:15-5:55 PM. Send your questions to kristina@westwoodcrc.org - and see you on September 12!

Westwood Ministry Celebration - Sundays September 9 & 16!!! As we begin a new ministry season at Westwood, we invite you to celebrate with us on September 9 & 16 through uplifting worship and sermons that inspire and challenge us toward a life of heart transformation, discipleship, and service. We also invite you to join us for a **POTLUCK** on September 16 following worship. Sign up at the Information Center to bring Salad, Main Dish, Bread, or Dessert.

Open Doors Opportunity: Get a first-hand glimpse of the Open Doors Ministry by joining us in hosting their September Community Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 16, 5-7:30pm. We’ll bring food, games, and a bounce house again to their Cooper Apartments. This is a fun way to put our church support into action for this local housing ministry for low-income, working families. It’s a perfect event for families, Life Groups, and individuals of all ages...grill, watch over a game, or just have great conversation. Please sign up at the Information Center or email cheri@westwoodcrc.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WOW begins September 12 and there is a need for servers, clean-up help & cooks for WOW dinners (Westwood on Wednesdays). Please consider helping out and talk to Dianne Meyering (meyerings@sbcglobal.net).

Children's Worship Teacher Openings: Men, women, high schoolers -- have you ever prayerfully considered the important role of teaching our little ones for a portion of our Sunday Worship time? The curriculum is easy to navigate, and scheduling is very flexible. You will truly be blessed worshipping with our Preschool-1st Graders while also blessing these young families. Contact Cheri (cheri@westwoodcrc.org) soon for more info.

Kids' Hope Director Needed: In order to continue our mentorships at King-Westwood Elementary, we need someone who is willing to serve as Coordinator. If you're interested in hearing more about this role, talk to Lynn Visser (370-5700).

GEMS is still in need of a leader for the coming season. Talk to Cheri to help (381-8691 or cheri@westwoodcrc.org).

Attention all Children and Youth ministry leaders: It's time for background checks, please send full name and birthdate of your volunteers to the church office by August 30 (office@westwoodcrc.org). If you have any questions call the office or talk to Dave Hoekstra.

Several MOPS Kids Helpers Needed: Would you be willing to give a couple of hours on a Wednesday AM? Bless a young family once, twice, or more often. Talk to Cheri to help (381-8691 or cheri@westwoodcrc.org).

The Friendship Ministry for people with cognitive impairments meets every Monday evening from October through April and has a **GREAT need** for mentors. Please consider if God is calling you to this inspiring, fun and caring ministry, talk to Scott and Renee Driesenga or Pamela Jenkins if interested.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Items received from local churches, schools and non-profit)

Kalamazoo Christian High School Booster Club Clay Shoot: September 8 is the date for this annual event. It will be held at the Gun River Skeet and Trap Club (620 11th Street, Plainwell). Lunch and prizes will be provided. Cost is as follows: \$275 for sponsorship which includes two shooters, \$75 per shooter, \$45 per shooter (student price). Contact Craig Wenke to sign up at 269-207-4199. All funds raised support athletics at Kalamazoo Christian High School.

Advanced Notice: Saturday, October 27 will be #KUDOS 2018 - Kalamazoo United Day of Service. A year ago we held our first United event as a time of worship. This year we are taking the next step and moving outside the walls of our churches to work hand-in-hand bringing the love of Christ to the city of Kalamazoo. We plan to send hundreds of volunteers out into the city to serve at 30 site-specific projects. God to www.kalamazooisunited.org to learn more and to sign up to be involved in this exciting day! Please note that signs ups will begin on September 1.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

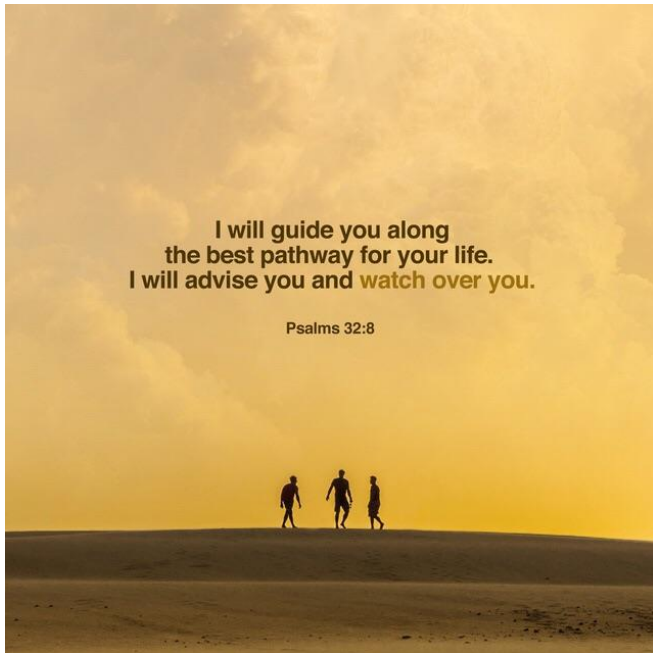
Next Sunday Pastor Mike will preach from Mark 4:10-12 - "Why Parables?"



PRAYER NOTES

*Pray for Ron Vlietstra that he regains his strength. He was able to come home last Sunday.

*Please pray for Mark Veenstra as recent tests at Mayo showed more metastatic prostate cancer. Hormone suppression therapy has begun with hopes of making the cancer less active before 5 weeks of radiation treatments at Mayo will begin in February.



SCHEDULES

TODAY

Connectors:

Rick & Sue Kuipers

Valet Parkers:

Jack Westra
Jeff Feddema

Worship Hosts:

Jeff & Karen Blamer
Pat Scheffers, Duane DeHaan

Coffee Hosts:

Tim & Barb Hesselink
Jim & Lois Herder

Children's Worship:

Katelyn Aggen
Lee Lanting
Gracelyn Moore

Nursery Attendants:

Kristi Yeager
Aaliyah Smith, Barb Hesselink

Prayer Room:

Pat Huizenga
Mark Scheffers

NEXT WEEK

Connectors:

Roger & Jan Boyd

Valet Parkers:

Jim Ritsema
Greg DeGroot

Worship Hosts;

Ann Haak, Gladys DeVries
Ann Smith, Aaliyah Smit

Coffee Hosts:

Tom & Deb Heyboer
BJ & Pat Huizenga

Children's Worship:

Cheri Dykstra
Kailey Triemstra
Jordan Triemstra

Nursery Attendants:

Annette Leep, Michelle C.
Gracelyn Moore

Prayer Room:

Roger Boyd
Jan Boyd

CALENDAR

Sunday August 26

10:00am Worship

Monday August 27

9:30am Prayer Group

Tuesday August 28

4:00pm Food Pantry

Wednesday August 29

7:00pm Praise Team

Thursday August 30

9:00am Cleaning Crew

4:00pm Food Pantry

6:30pm Zumba



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