

WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Finding & Following Jesus

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

No Longer Slaves

**Who You Say I Am*

**Death Was Arrested*

*GOD'S GREETING/WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

OFFERINGS: The first offering is for Westwood Church, and our denomination, the Christian Reformed Church. The second offering is for Westwood's Benevolence Fund.

OFFERTORY: *Video*

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

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON: "Shaped by the Potter's Hands"

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus are invited to join us for the Lord's Supper.

As the bread and juice are distributed, we invite you to join the Worship Team in a medley of hymns.

*GOD'S BLESSING

**He Reigns*

*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 basket 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

2018 budgeted giving per week: \$11,077

Weekly Giving

Envelope Giving 9-2-18 \$5,133.75
Online Giving (9/1 - 9/6)..... \$2,486.00

Envelope Giving 9-2-18

Faith Promise \$60.00
Tuition Assistance \$35.00

Special Offerings 9-2-18

Tuition Assistance Fund..... \$373.02

Next Sunday morning the offering will be for the Christian Resource Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Teams (Prayer, Worship Children's, Adult Discipleship, Outreach & Connect): Meet in the gym at 11:45 today for lunch. Then we'll break into our Ministry Team groups to work on S.M.A.R.T. goals for the 2018-19 ministry year.

Call for Council Nominations: With approval of the new council structure and election calendar, the 2019 process is underway. Please prayerfully consider those with the appropriate gifts to serve in the needed roles. You will find nomination forms in your mailbox which need to be **returned Today**. Thank you for your involvement in this important activity!

Westwood continues to seek a director of youth ministry. We have received no applications to date. Therefore our search has been extended with a new deadline for applications of October 31. If you have a candidate to recommend to the search team, please let one of the search team members know and encourage the candidate to send a resume to Jeff Blamer at jkblamer@yahoo.com. Please continue to pray that God will lead the candidate of his choosing to connect with us. Your search team members are Jeff Blamer, Easton DeJong, Cheri Dykstra, Rachel Furge, Emily Herder, and Dianne Meyering. Faith Huyser (representing the Personnel Team) and Pastor Mike are serving as ex officio members.

REMINDER: Volunteer Activity Information: Westwood attenders are involved in a wide range of ministries, both inside and outside of the church. As Christ's body, we would like to learn where all our members are serving the church or community and CELEBRATE God at work through us. Please return to Roger Boyd or the church office today. **NEW OPTION:** share your volunteer activities easily by following the link below: <https://goo.gl/forms/OyhrvuOBglUvmUOi2>

Celebration Potluck! Join us for a Potluck next Sunday, September 16, following worship. Bring a dish to pass and celebrate with us.

Classis Kalamazoo will meet Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. at Grace CRC. Pastor Mike and John Gritter will represent Westwood. Please be in prayer for this meeting, especially for the delegates in their discussions and decisions.

EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins this Tuesday, September 11 at 10 AM in the Friendship Room. Anyone can come who is free for that hour or so and learn about the passages in the Bible that give us difficulty. 1 Corinthians 15 is Paul's wonderful affirmation of our resurrection because Jesus went first. But, he mentions baptism for the dead. Find out what that means.

Craft Connection is a time to come and work on those unfinished projects. Join us this Friday for a night of fellowship from 7:00 pm to Midnight. Come for all or part of the evening, and your friends are welcome. Please RSVP to Cheryl Wells by Thursday, Sept. 13. (welzjr1@aol.com or 269-598-4128)

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Jeff Blamer will continue Our Adult Discipleship class next week – looking at "The Bible tells me so, but does archaeology agree?" Does archaeology validate the Bible and support biblical stories? We will dig into this question, sift through the record, and uncover Bible connections in recent discoveries.

Youth Discipleship Classes meet in the following rooms:
Preschool-1st grade – Basement – B8 – Ann Smith/Dianne M.
2nd-3rd grades – Basement – Room B3 – Nancy Hendriksen
4th-5th grades – Basement – Room B4 – Bryan Herder
6th grade – Room 103 – Jim Koning
7th-8th grades – Room 104 – Ashley Lanting
9th-10th grades – Room 105 – Bernie Scheffers/Barb Sportel
11th-12th grades – Room 106 – Rick Huyser

High School Youth Group: Plans are set for a GREAT year! Our first gathering is on Sun., 9/16, 6-8pm at the home of Mark and Dianne Meyering, 3100 N. 9th St, 49009. This is a perfect time for new 9th-12th graders to check out what we're all about. Invite a friend and join us!

WOW OPPORTUNITIES

Our first dinner for WOW is this Wednesday and we are having Beef Tips with Mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, and of course dessert! Dinner is served beginning at 5:15 and ending at 6:15. Hope to see you there. We always love to have new volunteers to help with serving, clean-up & even food prep during the WOW day! You can email or call Dianne Meyering or Dona Zwart if you would like to have us add you to the rotating list of volunteers!

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

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!

GEMS and Cadet Clubs Begin this Wed. @ WOW! 2nd-8th graders are invited for fun-filled games, crafts, lessons, projects and friendships. We're hoping to see MANY new faces, so please invite a neighbor to ride along with you. **Both clubs begin at 6:30pm, with pickup/sign-out at 7:45pm.**

Adult Classes Begin this Wed. @ WOW: Guys, join other men working together as disciples of Jesus to respond to Unanswered questions in a skeptical world. Women, come meet 12 Women of the Bible who teach us practical lessons through real struggles. Pick up a flier at the Information Center to share with a neighbor.

Middle School Youth Group begins on Wednesday, September 19 @6:30. Awesome discussion, fun, and games are being planned. Bring a friend!

THANK YOU

"Thank you to those who remembered me with beautiful cards, and notes on Robert's first anniversary of going to his heavenly home. Thanks too for the many prayers, I could certainly feel them by strength for the day. All are greatly appreciated." - *Joanne Hoffa*

PRAYER NOTES

*Kevin Berghuis will be having outpatient surgery on his right thumb on Tuesday, September 11. He requests prayers for the surgical procedure and prayers for patience during the time of healing. He will be on a 1-pound weight restriction for a two-week period.

LIFE GROUP UPDATE

A new life group is forming this fall for single women. The first meeting will be at church on Monday, Sept. 17 at 7:00. Come and enjoy a short Bible study followed by organizational details to fit the needs of the group. Contact Myra DeLoof, 269-655-5828, mldeloof@gmail.com for more information or just come to the first meeting!

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Next Sunday Pastor Mike will preach from Luke 5:27-32 – “Doors with Legs.”

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Come and enjoy an evening of music. Bible League Volunteers present *The Helmsmen* male singing group on Thursday, September 20, at Westwood CRC. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go directly to Bible League International.

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. Go to www.kalamazooisunited.org to learn more and to sign up to be involved in this exciting day! Sign-ups are now open.

Milwood Marketplace: Saturday, Dec 1 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. VENDORS NEEDED! Please share with crafters and other vendors! Location: Milwood Community Church, 3306 Lovers Lane, Kalamazoo. Contact Kelli Visser at kelli.visser@yahoo.com

SCHEDULES

TODAY

Connectors:

Bryan Herder family

Valet Parkers:

Bruce Triemstra

Jack Westra

Worship Hosts:

Paul & Pam Dyben

John Dyben, Lynn Visser

Coffee Hosts:

Dave & Ginny Hoekstra

Rick & Faith Huyser

Children's Worship:

Cheri Dykstra

Kailey Triemstra

Jordan Triemstra

Nursery Attendants:

Alissa Maul, Faith Huyser

Kailey Triemstra

Prayer Room:

Mark Scheffers

Alida Blauwkamp

NEXT WEEK

Connectors:

Nick Leep family

Valet Parkers:

Jim Ritsema

Jack Westra

Worship Hosts:

Paul & Jena Meulman

Pat Scheffers, John Gritter

Coffee Hosts:

Steve Huyser

Chris & Christy Kline

Children's Worship:

Lisa Betten

Mattias Koetje, Eli Kline

Madalyn Vlietstra

Nursery Attendants:

Nicole Spencer, Jenny S.

Ryan Triemstra

Prayer Room:

Bette Dyksterhouse

Pat Huizenga

CALENDAR

Sunday September 9

9:00am Discipleship

10:00am Worship

Monday September 10

9:30am Prayer Group

1:00pm Knitting Group

8:00pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday September 11

4:00pm Food Pantry

Wednesday September 12

9:15am MOPS

5:15pm WOW

5:15pm Youth Choir

6:15pm Adult Choir

7:30pm Praise Team

Thursday September 13

9:00am Cleaning Crew

4:00pm Food Pantry

5:30pm Zumba



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