

WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Finding & Following Jesus

OCTOBER 7, 2018

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

**O Come to the Altar*

**Who You Say I Am*

*GOD'S GREETING/WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-19; Ephesians 4:11-16

SERMON: Kingdom Invasion: "What's Your Story?"

PRAYER

Choir - Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who are baptized and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to join us at the table.

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: *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

**We will Walk With God/Sizohumba naye*

*GOD'S BLESSING

*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.

Today we continue our sermon series - "Kingdom Invasion" - in which we explore the biblical theme of the Kingdom of God. When properly understood and received, the gospel of the Kingdom of God is capable of capturing our hearts for Jesus Christ and the powerful movement He launched when He announced, "The time has come. The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Pastor Mike will be preaching from Matthew 16:13-19 and Ephesians 4:11-16 - "What's Our Story?"

Today is Worldwide Communion Sunday - an opportunity for churches around the world to come to the Table of the Lord as an expression of oneness in Christ. Today we join the church worldwide at the Table where we remember and celebrate what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus and Lord and Savior are invited to join us at the Table.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Youth Helpers for Children's Worship: Please come to a short training meeting today. You may grab your donut holes and drink after worship and then meet in the basement Puppet Room. Thanks!

Hey Students! We're off to a slowww, but steady, start for our Food Pantry donations. Do you know we have just 6 more weeks to fill our bins? The class competition is on! Let's pick up the pace and put your generous hearts into action for the good of many hungry people. Get creative, work hard to earn some food items, invite a neighbor or your Prayer Partner to join in donating for your class, email 10 of your best friends - let's see what you can accomplish for Kingdom good!

Please return your pledge sheet for the General Fund budget by October 14.

Save the Date: Our Kids' Christmas Program will take place during Sunday Worship on December 16. Plan to be here for a wonderful celebration!

Looking for a way to bless our Fellowship/Kitchen Crews? Consider donating new or gently used dish cloths/dish towels to restock the kitchen. Just leave in kitchen. We thank you in advance.

It's a great time to join a Life Group! We have groups that are eager for new people. Fill out a Life Group Form and place it in the designated box at the Information Center to let us know you're interested in experiencing the blessings of friendship and growth in a small group.

Kid's Hope will begin at King-Westwood Elementary in October this year. There is room for a few more mentors to meet with students for one hour a week. If you enjoy kids and want to help make a difference in one child's life by just showing up regularly at their school once a week, please let me know. Thanks from Sue Kuipers @ 269-345-7452.

EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Everyone is welcome to join for the hour to learn about Bible passages and concepts that give trouble to many readers. This week the idea of God as judge seems to contradict God as loving all his children. Isaiah 66:14-18 describes God as both. Come and learn how to think about this and how to witness to others about who God really is.

Profession of Faith Class: Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to publicly profess your faith in Jesus and claim Him as your Savior and Lord? **Pastor Mike invites you to join him after worship on October 14 and 21** (in his office) as together we explore God's amazing promises in Scripture, and what it means to daily live for Jesus and to be a part of His family, the church.

Our next Craft Connection is Friday, October 12 from 7:00 pm to midnight. Join us for a fun night of fellowship. Please RSVP to Cheryl Wells by Thursday, October 11. (269-598-4128. Or welzjr1@aol.com)

Fall Family Fun Night is Coming Soon: Wed., Oct. 31, all regular WOW classes and clubs will be off for the night so that we can all participate in Trick-or-Treating, games, and fellowship. Kids, get ready for fun! Everyone, think of who you can invite. Invitations and a sign-up sheet for volunteers will be out next week.

PRAYER NOTES

*Pray for Dottie Jansen who is now at Friendship Village in room 502 for rehab.

*Pray for Alli DeGroot who is home now with IV antibiotics.

*Prayers for Evensky Kros - his address is RCT KROS EVENSKY J 3rd BN KILO CO PLT 3101, PO BOX 19001, PARRIS ISLAND, SC 29905

*Philip VanStrien and Anna Zylema were married on 9/22/2018 in Grand Rapids, MI where they will be living.

* Congratulations to Omo and Mariam who welcomed daughter Esther, born on September 23. Mother and baby are doing well.

THANK YOU

“Thank you Westwood for your recent gift & prayers for ALONGSIDE & the participants we serve. Each month the Father does His beautiful work in their lives. One client wrote, “When I was at ALONGSIDE, it felt as though the very ground I was walking on had been soaked in prayer. I felt so privileged that people who didn’t even know me were supporting me in prayer.”
– *Roger Boyd (for ALONGSIDE)*

“Although my heart is heavy with the sorrow that I bear with the loss of my grandmother (Emma L. Jackson), I am comforted to know that God has blessed me with a church home, of so many kind and loving folks. Thank you for your prayers, love, support and cards during this difficult time.” – *Pamela Jenkins*

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

Pastor Mike will conclude our sermon series – “Kingdom Invasion” – as he preaches from several Scriptures that reference the biblical theme of the Kingdom of God. We invite you back to hear what it means to be “agents” of God’s Kingdom.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: Did you know that a Papua New Guinea 12th grader's chances of being admitted into a university goes up dramatically if... 1) They attend Maprik Secondary High School in the East Sepik Province or 2) They were taught Religious Education by Pastor Terence for 4 years? On Oct. 14 we welcome Eric and Penny Schering to find out how Pacific Island Ministries is helping to fill a need in education.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

SHALOM Open House Farm Days! Shalom enriches lives of adults living with developmental disabilities through the love and wholeness of Jesus Christ. Come join them on the farm, Sat. & Sun. October 13 & 14 2-5 p.m. at 3191 Van Buren St. Kalamazoo.

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!

Kalamazoo Christian Schools Presents author Lee Strobel, Thursday, November 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Valley Family Church. Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel is the former award-winning legal editor of *The Chicago Tribune* and best-selling author of more than 20 books. His classic, *The Case for Christ*, is a perennial favorite which details his conversion to Christianity. General admission tickets are \$25 available online at www.thinkbigkalamazoo2018.eventbrite.com or at the KCSA office (269-381-2044).

Reformed Heritage Christian School, 700 North Fletcher Ave. invites preschoolers to our Thursday Story Hours, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13; 9:30-11:00. Each Story Hour will feature a story, craft, activities, music and snack. Children should be at least 3 years old and toilet trained. No Cost. To reserve a spot call the school at 383-0505.

SCHEDULES

TODAY

Connectors:

Char Triemstra, Norma Strong

Valet Parkers:

Greg DeGroot

Jim Ritsema

Worship Hosts:

Paul & Pam Dyben

Gladys DeVries, Ann Haak

Coffee Hosts:

Stephanie Ritsema

Mark & Dianne Meyering

Children's Worship:

Cheri Dykstra, Karen Blamer

Michael Kloosterman, Luke B.

Aaliyah Smith

Nursery Attendants:

Ginny Hoekstra

Sally Triemstra, Jordan Triemstra

Prayer Room:

Mark Scheffers

NEXT WEEK

Connectors:

Rick & Sue Kuipers

Valet Parkers:

Jack Westra

Bruce Triemstra

Worship Hosts:

John Gritter, Ann Smith

Aaliyah S., Karen Sopjes

Coffee Hosts:

Jim & Luann Ritsema

Jim & Mary Koning

Children's Worship:

Sue Feddema, Mei Lanting

Katie D.G., Kyle Herder

Logan Herder

Nursery Attendants:

Christy Kline

Muriel W., Cale Buckham

Prayer Room:

Sally Jo Triemstra

Alida Blauwkamp

OFFERING INFORMATION

2018 budgeted giving per week: \$11,077

Weekly Giving

Envelope Giving 9-30-18 \$4,227.25

Online Giving (9/30 - 10/4) \$2,236.00

Envelope Giving 9-30-18

Faith Promise \$60.00

Tuition Assistance \$5.00

Special Offerings 9-30-18

Shepherd's Center \$356.25

Next Sunday morning the offering will be for the Kalamazoo Christian Schools.

CALENDAR

Monday October 8

9:30am Prayer Group

1:00pm Knitting "bee"

6:00pm Friendship

8:00pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday October 9

10:00am Adult Bible Study

4:00pm Food Pantry

7:00pm Myra's Life Group

7:00pm Building & Grounds

Wednesday October 10

9:15am MOPS

5:15pm WOW dinner

5:15pm Youth Choir

6:15pm Adult Choir

7:30pm Praise Team

Thursday October 11

9:00am Cleaning Crew

4:00pm Food Pantry

5:30pm Zumba

Friday October 12

7:00pm Craft Connection

Sunday October 14

9:00am Discipleship

10:00am Worship

11:30am Life Group training



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