

WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Finding & Following Jesus

OCTOBER 14, 2018

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

**He Reigns*

**Children of God*

**Resurrecting*

*GOD'S GREETING/WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

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

PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY: *Eric & Penny Schering w/Pacific Island Ministries*

Seek Ye First

SERMON: "Kingdom Agents"

PRAYER

** We will Walk with God/Sizohamba naye*

*GOD'S 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 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 conclude our sermon series – "Kingdom Invasion" – in which we explore the biblical theme of the Kingdom of God. In today's sermon – "Kingdom Agents" – we'll discover that Kingdom people are continually on the lookout for God at work in the world and are open to how they can partner with His work that is already underway in the people they meet and the encounters they have.

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

Profession of Faith Class: If you would like to make a public profession of faith, or are exploring the possibility of professing your faith, Pastor Mike invites you to join him today and next Sunday following worship in his office. This is an opportunity to explore God's amazing promises in Scripture, and what it means to live daily for Jesus and to be a part of His family, the church.

Hey Students! We're off to a slowww, but steady, start for our Food Pantry donations. Do you know we have just 5 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!

Parents of middle and high school students you are invited to the youth room after church on Sunday Oct. 21 to meet April Sparks, the new Director of Youth Ministry, to get to know one another, share contact information and receive news on youth group. Have any questions, contact April Sparks at april.k.sparks@gmail.com.

Smile! Next week, Oct. 21, our Connect Team will be ready to take you/your family picture for our annual Photo Board updates. Please help us by stopping near the Welcome Center after Worship. We'll have another opportunity in November.

Properties Committee needs your help! We are having a clean-up day on November 10th from 8 to Noon. We are going to clean inside and out. Please come for the whole time or a couple of hours whatever you can.

Please contact your district deacon or Steve Huyser if you would like help with your leaves -- or if you would be willing to volunteer -date? -first week of November?

Fall Family Fun Night - the fellowship/WOW Committee is seeking donations of fruits for the meal (watermelon, grapes, apples...) If you're willing, please just mark and put in kitchen refrigerator by Tuesday, 10/30.

EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10 AM in the Friendship Room will feature Genesis 6:1-4 where the world before the flood had some strange features like "Sons of God and daughters of men" and "the Nephilim." Find out how much we can know or not know about what this means.

Senior singles dinner Friday, October 26 6-8pm. Please contact your district deacon or Steve Huyser if you have not been contacted and wish to attend.

Fall Family Fun Night is Wed., Oct. 31. WOW classes will be off for the night so that we can all enjoy trick-or-treating, games, and fellowship. Stop at the lobby table to sign up to serve and pick up invitations to share with friends. We especially need LOTS of candy donations and LOTS of fun people to dress up and hand out the candy!

Prime Timers mark your calendars! We are planning a dinner outing at the Walldorff Brewpub in Hastings on Saturday, October 20 at 4:30 p.m. Please sign up so we can give them a solid number.

Intergenerational Learning: Plan on a great start to our Sunday in the gym on Nov. 4, 9-9:50am. (Note, this is a change from the original schedule.) All ages are invited and encouraged to join in the fun.

PRAYER NOTES

* Continued prayers for Roger DeVries as he continues cancer treatments. His new phone number is 269-220-9868, 3260 E B Ave, Plainwell MI 49080.

THANK YOU

"I would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers and condolences with the death of my brother in the Netherlands. I know that he is in heaven now and I am thankful for that." - *Ria Medendorp*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Saturday, October 27 is #KUDOS 2018 - Kalamazoo United Day of Service. Kalamazoo United is moving outside the walls of our churches to work hand-in-hand bringing the love of Christ to the city of Kalamazoo. 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. 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.

Change A Life on Friday, November 2nd - The Jericho Foundation, a local faith-based foundation that serves children in Bosnia and Herzegovina, is hosting their **15th annual Night Of HOPE Silent Auction and Dinner** at the Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Ballroom. For information and tickets, please visit www.jerichofoundation.org/events or contact Ann at ann@foundation.org or (269-271-1526). Or talk to Dave Hoekstra (269-303-9029).

COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONT.)

We are pleased and excited to announce a social hour, with donuts and coffee provided, to be held on Monday, Oct. 22, 9:00 AM, at Grace CRC, located at 1724 Whites Rd. (NOTE: This is a location change from previous announcements.) The purpose of this event is to promote widows and singles, 60 years of age and older, to meet for Christian fellowship. Mary Balkema, Kalamazoo County Treasurer will speak on I Timothy 5:9-10, challenging women over 60 to continue to work and do good deeds. Please reserve this date for an uplifting time of fellowship and encouragement. Your RSVP is preferred. Please call or text Marci or Ed Muller, 269-806-1899 or email him at edmuller1931@gmail.com.

Kalamazoo Christian Schools- CHICAGO BUS TRIP: Enjoy a day in the windy city! The date is Tuesday, December 4, with a chartered bus departing at 8 AM (sharp). The early bird price of \$49 per person is until October 31, and after that date the price is \$59 beginning November 1. Checks can be made out to KCMS and turned in to Kalamazoo Christian, 3800 12th Street Campus or sent to Rachel Sanderson (7480 Morganshire Court Kal. MI 49009). Any questions, contact Rsanderson@allenedwin.com or 269-352-7678. Please turn in payment and reservation form to reserve your spot (with your email and cell number).

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

Next Sunday Pastor Mike will preach from Exodus 13:20 - 14:18; 21-22; Exodus 13:17-18; and Joshua 3:14-17 in his sermon "Life in the Unknown," as we discover that God invites us into the unknown to grow us, mature us, and expand our threshold of trusting Him, especially since our greatest moments and stories happen in the unknown.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: On Oct. 21 and 28 we welcome Dave Biskie from Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Dave will be sharing with us his work on WMU's campus as he engages people in discussions at his interactive Gospel stations. Come and learn how his basic approach works for faith conversations.

OFFERING INFORMATION

2018 budgeted giving per week: \$11,077

Weekly Giving

Envelope Giving 10-07-18.....\$12,432.26
Online Giving (10/05 - 10/11).....\$1,946.00

Envelope Giving 10-07-18

Faith Promise \$135.00
Tuition Assistance \$85.00

Special Offerings 10-07-18

Benevolence Fund..... \$555.59

Next Sunday morning the offering will be for the Lovekzoo.

CALENDAR

Monday October 15

9:30am Prayer Group
1:00pm Knitting "bee"
6:00pm Friendship
7:00pm Pastoral Council
8:15pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday October 16

10:00am Adult Bible Study
4:00pm Food Pantry

Wednesday October 17

5:15pm WOW dinner
5:15pm Youth Choir
6:15pm Adult Choir
7:30pm Praise Team

Thursday October 18

9:00am Cleaning Crew
4:00pm Food Pantry
5:30pm Zumba

Sunday October 21

9:00am Discipleship
10:00am Worship

SCHEDULES

TODAY

Connectors:

Rick & Sue Kuipers

Valet Parkers:

Jack Westra
Bruce Triemstra

Worship Hosts:

John Gritter, Ann Smith
Aaliyah Smith, Karen Sopjes

Coffee Hosts:

Jim & Luann Ritsema
Jim & Mary Koning

Children's Worship:

Sue Feddema, Mei Lanting
Katie DeGroot, Kyle Herder
Logan Herder

Nursery Attendants:

Christy Kline
Muriel Westra, Cale Buckham

Prayer Room:

Sally Jo Triemstra
Alida Blauwkamp

NEXT WEEK

Connectors:

Bernie & Jenny Scheffers

Valet Parkers:

Greg DeGroot
Dave Hoekstra

Worship Hosts:

Jeff & Karen Blamer
Paul & Jena Meulman

Coffee Hosts:

Sandy Haagsma, Jeff R.
Bernie & Jenny Scheffers

Children's Worship:

Sue Feddema, Annika Leep
Madalyn V., Jackie V.K.,
Mattias Koetje

Nursery Attendants:

Stephanie Ritsema
Carrie Ash, Mackenzie Ash

Prayer Room:

Mark Scheffers
Bette Dyksterhouse



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