

WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Finding & Following Jesus

OCTOBER 21, 2018

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Blessed Be Your Name*

**Your Grace Is Enough*

*GOD'S GREETING/WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Choir - Psalm 139

PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY: *Kyle Furge - Operation Christmas Child*

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 13:17-18, 13:20 - 14:18, 21-22;
Joshua 3:14-17

SERMON: "Life in the Unknown"

PRAYER

** Oceans*

*GOD'S BLESSING

**No Longer Slaves*

*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 Pastor Mike is preaching from Exodus 13:17-18, 13:20 - 14:18, 21-22; and Joshua 3:14-17 - "Life in the Unknown." We will discover that God invites us into the unknown to grow our faith and expand our threshold of trusting Him, especially as many of our greatest moments and stories happen in the unknown.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

Next Sunday we welcome Seminarian Joel Altena as he leads us in worship. Joel will be preaching from 1 Kings 18:16-46, "How Low Will We Waver?"

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: Next week - Dave Biskie from Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will continue to share 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents of middle and high school students you are invited to the youth room after church today 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! Today, next Sunday and over Thanksgiving weekend, 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.

This 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!

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.

Samuel's Blankets: Share warmth for the homeless by donating new or lightly used blankets (all sizes - even baby blankets), and sleeping bags. A donation box is in the front entryway. We are Kingdom Agents!

WOW OPPORTUNITIES

Next Week's WOW meal will be a fundraiser for Westwood's Cadets. They will be serving Brad DeBoer's famous Goulash. Please come and support Westwood's Cadets.

EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will examine the role of angels in our lives as we look especially at Hebrews 13:2. Do angels walk among us? Join us at 10 AM on Tuesday in the Friendship Room.

Enjoy a Panera treat and bless our MOPS ministry! Bring a flier from your church box or the Information Center to Panera on W. Main, Wed., 10/24, 4-8pm and a portion of your purchase amount will be donated to Westwood MOPS. Thank you!

Senior singles dinner this 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!

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.

Light in Their Eyes: On Thursday, Nov. 15 @ 6:30pm, we will partner with Bethany Christian Services to show this beautiful documentary here at Westwood Church. It gives a beautiful, realistic picture of the joy, challenges, pain, and redemption that accompanies older-child adoption by following the journey of three W. Michigan families over 16 months of the adoption process. Whether you have ever considered adoption for your family, or whether you'd like to know how to better encourage and support others in the journey, you'll be blessed by this film. Please share our facebook event and invite others to join us. Fliers are at the Information Center.

PRAYER NOTES

*Continued prayers for Jake Meyer as he continues cancer treatments. Praise God! Praise God! He is the Great Physician. Jake's report from Mayo last week was good. His PSA was down 9 points and the lymph nodes are clean.

*Pray for Grace Mulder who spent a few days in the hospital after a fall. Grace is doing well (no broken bones) and was able to go back to her home at Park Village Pines on Monday.

*Please pray for Mark & Becky Veenstra and Rick Huyser and the rest of the surgical brigade team in Gracias, Honduras this week. Pray for the patients who will be having surgery and pray specifically for a strong witness of Jesus' love within the team and with the patients and their families. On Saturday, October 27, the small surgical group returns and a large group of 34 will join the Veenstras in Honduras. Pray for safety and health for all.

THANK YOU

"Mary and I want to thank the congregation for their prayers and support while I am going through chemo treatments. The results have been positive. PSA is going down and lymph nodes are clean. - *Jake & Mary Meyer*

"THANK YOU, Westwood church, for all the phone calls, cards, special thoughts and prayers, visits, food, and my special neighbors and family who take good care of me. Even though I cannot come to Sunday services or other church activities anymore I still feel a part of the church family. God is good - all the time." - *Sinnie Vlietstra*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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 talk to Dave Hoekstra (269-303-9029).

COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONT.)

Reformed Heritage Christian School, 700 North Fletcher Avenue, invites preschoolers to our Thursday Story Hours. Each Story Hour morning will feature a story, craft, activities, music and snack based on the theme for the morning. Join us as we explore God's wonderful world! Children should be at least 3 years old and toilet trained. No cost for the morning. For more information or to reserve your child's spot, call the school at 383-0505. October 25 - F is for Fall; November 15 - T is for Turkey and December 13 - J is for Jesus.

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).

Intrepid Professional Women Network Presents: Veteran's Day Women's Empowerment Brunch on Saturday, November 10 from 11am-2pm at the Van Deusen Room 3rd floor, Kalamazoo Public Library. We will be raising funds to provide housing and assistance for homeless veteran women. Tickets are \$40 for the general public and free for veterans. See bulletin board for more information.

In time for Thanksgiving and Christmas - Kalamazoo Christian HS Grad Bash will be selling Butter Braids frozen pastries from Monday, October 22 - Friday, November 2, with delivery November 15. Flavors include Caramel Roll, Cinnamon, Raspberry, Blueberry with Cream Cheese, and Strawberry with Cream Cheese, and the cost is \$13. They are easy to make and taste delicious! To order, contact Joy De Jong at ranjodejong@att.net.

OFFERING INFORMATION

2018 budgeted giving per week: \$11,077

Weekly Giving

Envelope Giving 10-14-18.....\$7,500.30
Online Giving (10/12 - 10/18).....\$1,971.00

Envelope Giving 10-14-18

Faith Promise \$550.00
Tuition Assistance \$20.00

Special Offerings 10-14-18

Kalamazoo Christian Schools \$318.00

Next Sunday morning the offering will be for World Renew/Hurricane Relief.

CALENDAR

Monday October 22

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

Tuesday October 23

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

Wednesday October 24

9:15am MOPS
5:15pm WOW
5:15pm Youth Choir
6:15pm Adult Choir
7:30pm Praise Team

Thursday October 25

9:00am Cleaning Crew
4:00pm Food Pantry
5:30pm Zumba
Friday October 26

6:00pm Senior Singles

Sunday October 28

9:00am Discipleship
10:00am Worship

SCHEDULES

TODAY

Connectors:

Bernie & Jenny Scheffers

Valet Parkers:

Greg DeGroot
Dave Hoekstra

Worship Hosts:

Jeff & Karen Blamer
Paul & Jena Meulman

Coffee Hosts:

Sandy Haagsma, Jeff Rozeveld
Bernie & Jenny Scheffers

Children's Worship:

Sue Feddema, Annika Leep
Madalyn Vlietstra, Jackie
VanderKooi, Mattias Koetje

Nursery Attendants:

Stephanie Ritsema
Carrie Ash, Mackenzie Ash

Prayer Room:

Mark Scheffers
Bette Dyksterhouse

NEXT WEEK

Connectors:

Bryan/Emily Herder family

Valet Parkers:

Steve Visser
Jeff Feddema

Worship Hosts:

Larry & Sherri DeFouw
Pat Scheffers, Duane D.H.

Coffee Hosts:

Rich & Jane Shoemaker
Paul & Jena Meulman

Children's Worship:

Laura Furge, Rachel Furge
Tyler B., Lee Lanting
Jordan Triemstra

Nursery Attendants:

Christine Vlietstra, Kelly B.
Rachel Feddema

Prayer Room:

Bernie Scheffers
Jenny Scheffers



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