

# WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

*Finding & Following Jesus*

OCTOBER 28, 2018

## GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*\*Our God*

*\*Because He Lives (Amen)*

### \*GOD'S GREETING/WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

*(Children, ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> 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 World Renew/Hurricane Relief.

**OFFERTORY:** *The Power of the Cross*

## PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Kings 18:16-46

**SERMON:** "How Long Will We Waver"

## PRAYER

*\*Amazing Grace Medley*

### \*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*\*Days of Elijah*

### \*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 welcome Seminarian Joel Altena as he leads us in worship and shares the Word of God with us from 1 Kings 18:16-46 - "How Long Will We Waver?"

**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** is World Hunger Sunday. Pastor Mike will be addressing the issues surrounding poverty and hunger in his sermon "Mind the Gap" from Luke 16:19-31. We will also remember and celebrate God's provision of salvation offered to us through the sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus, as we come to the table of our Lord.

**Parents:** If your child has been baptized and has expressed a desire to participate in the Lord's Supper for the first time, please talk with Pastor Mike sometime this week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please submit** articles for the November Westword by **Tuesday, October 30** to Amy at [amiched@yahoo.com](mailto:amiched@yahoo.com).

**Fall Family Fun Night** need: the fellowship/WOW Committee is seeking donations of fruits for the meal on October 31 (watermelon, grapes, apples...) If you're willing, please just mark and put in kitchen refrigerator by this Tuesday.

**Smile! Today 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.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** for October 30 will examine Luke 8:28-39 and demon-possession because the next day is Halloween. Is this a demonic festival or laughing at the devil? Join us to examine the issue that worries many Christians.

**It's Poinsettia Order Time:** Our GEMS are hopeful that you'll enjoy the beautiful plants as you support them again this year with an order. A variety of colors/sizes are available - order forms are in church boxes and at the Information Center and are due by Sun., Nov. 11. Want a different color or size than what you see there? Talk to Cheri to make a request ([cheri@westwoodcrc.org](mailto:cheri@westwoodcrc.org)). Thank you!

**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.**

**Would you be a Navigation Partner for someone new?** Our Connect team is looking for friendly people to pair with newer attendees, to become a familiar face and answer questions along their early journey at Westwood Church. Please contact Cheri if you're willing ([cheri@westwoodcrc.org](mailto:cheri@westwoodcrc.org))

**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!

## EVENTS

**Fall Family Fun Night** is this Wednesday and we need MANY MANY more fun volunteers to hand out candy at a table or run a simple game - dress up or just smile and enjoy the kiddos! Supper is available at 5:15 -the event has been advertised for 6-7:30 pm so you can eat first. Please be ready at your table or game in the classroom wing by 5:45pm.

**Intergenerational Learning:** Fun for all ages next Sunday, November 4, 9am in the gym. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, be sure to sit with your Prayer Partners.

**Light in Their Eyes:** Here at Westwood on Thursday, November 15 6:30pm, we will show this meaningful documentary by Bethany Christian Services. 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.

**MOPS Crafting Marathon Fundraiser:** Work on projects, have fun, and support our Mothers of Preschoolers, Friday, 11/16, 6-12am and/or Saturday, 11/17 9am-4pm - work on sewing, scrapbooks, knitting, organizing computer files, whatever! Cost is \$20 for one day or \$30 for both - meals included. Free vendor space available. Fliers are available at the Information Center.

**Ladies, Save-the-Date: Our Westwood GEMS invite you to a fun evening for girls and women of all ages.** Wed., Nov. 28, 6-8:30pm. We are raising funds for our African GEMS Sister Club with a "Ladies Night: Make It and Take It!" Details coming soon.

**If you would like to hear Chuck Michaels preach and help 2nd CRC celebrate their 125th anniversary** Chuck & Barb will be there on November 11 for both services (9:30 am & 6:00 pm). Chuck will preach at the evening service.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**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](mailto: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 NetworkPresents:** 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, 4 Cheese & Herb with marinara dipping sauce. The cost is \$14. They are easy to make and taste delicious! To order, contact Joy De Jong at [ranjodejong@att.net](mailto:ranjodejong@att.net).

## PRAYER NOTES

\*Please pray for the large medical brigade team, including the Veenstras, Dale and Bette Dyksterhouse, and Luann Ritsema in Gracias, Honduras this week. Part of the team will be doing surgeries and part of the team doing dental and medical work in villages outside of Gracias. Pray that the weather will be dry to get to villages to see patients and that many may be helped in the villages and the surgery center. On Saturday, November 3, the large group will travel home and a new surgical team will arrive.

\*Prayers for Evensky Kros that he stays healthy and strong as he finishes up his training - his address is RCT KROS EVENSKY J, 3rd BN KILO CO PLT 3101, PO BOX 19001, PARRIS ISLAND, SC29905 to send cards or notes of encouragement.

\*Prayers for Dottie Jansen who returned to Crystal Woods this past Monday.



## OFFERING INFORMATION

2018 budgeted giving per week: \$11,077

### Weekly Giving

Envelope Giving 10-21-18.....\$10,532.85  
Online Giving (10/19 - 10/26).....\$1,091.00

### Envelope Giving 10-21-18

Faith Promise ..... \$95.00  
Tuition Assistance ..... \$20.00

### Special Offerings 10-21-18

Lovekzoo.today..... \$440.30

**Next Sunday morning the offering will be for World Renew/World Hunger.**

## CALENDAR

### **Monday October 29**

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

### **Thursday November 1**

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

### **Tuesday, October 30**

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

### **Sunday November 4**

9:00am Adult Discipleship  
10:00am Worship

### **Wednesday, October 31**

Fall Family Fun Night

## SCHEDULES

### TODAY

#### **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

### NEXT WEEK

#### **Connectors:**

George & Lisa Betten

#### **Valet Parkers:**

Jim Ritsema  
Jeff Feddema

#### **Worship Hosts:**

Ann Haak, Gladys DV  
Ann & Aaliyah Smith

#### **Coffee Hosts:**

Tim & Marian Stowers  
Ken & Karen Sopjes

#### **Children's Worship:**

Cheri Dykstra, Cale B.,  
Mackenzie Ash, Mei L.,  
Luke Birchmeier

#### **Nursery Attendants:**

Kristi Yeager, Jan Boyd,  
Rachel Furge

#### **Prayer Room:**

Mark Scheffers  
Jan Boyd



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