

Elder Assignments and Districts		
Pastor Vern Swieringa - President		
Lloyd Zoerhof	2020	Missions & Evangelism Liaison.....A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Ken Hulst	2021	Youth Ministries Liaison, Worship Liaison,.....M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Brian Kruithof	2022	Recording Clerk.....T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Mark Busscher	2022	Vice President, Search Committee.....G Hulst – M. Myaard
Dennis Bosch	2021	Adult Ministries Liaison, Pulpit Supply.....J. Nyhof – P. Van Dam
Tim Bauman	2020	Membership & Visitation Clerk, Fellowship & Service.....W. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

Deacon Assignments and Districts		
Jason Nyhof	2020	Missions / Mercy Treasurer.....A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Dave Duimstra	2021	Building & Grounds Liaison, Covenant Giving Plan.....M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Ross Schreur	2022	Zeeland Diaconal / Growing Hope Globally.....T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
George Engelsman	2022	Assistant to the Treasurer.....G. Hulst – M. Myaard
Ryan Bosch	2021	General / Building Treasurer.....J. Nyhof – P. Van Dam
Curt Schout	2020	Chairman of Deacons.....W. Van Dam – T. Zoerhof

Ministries, Contact Persons, Schedules	
Sunday Men’s Group	Dan Bosch.....1 st and 3 rd Sundays at 7:30 AM
Children in Worship	Katie Baker.....Sundays at 9:50 AM
Sunday School	Todd Zoerhof, 3 yrs. – 5 th Grade.....Sundays at 10:40 AM
Catechism	Ken Hulst, Liaison, 6 th – 12 th Grade.....Sundays at 10:45 AM
Adult Sunday School	Janice VerMerris.....Sundays at 10:55 AM
Voices of Praise	Beth DeYoung, Dawn Van Dam.....Sundays at 4:30 PM
Open Bible Study	Mike and Marcia Ver Beek.....1 st Sunday at 7:15 PM
Fellowship Bible Study	Dick and Mary Hilbink.....3 rd Sunday at 7:15 PM
Family Life Ministries	Allison Kruithof, Krista Schout.....Sundays at 10:45 AM
Thrive	John and Heidi Dozeman.....2 nd & 4 th Sundays at 5:45 PM
Ladies’ Bible Study	Rhonda Bosman.....1 st and 3 rd Mondays at 7:00 PM
Office Bearers	Elders, Deacons, Council.....Once a month respectively at 6:30, 7:00 and 8:30 PM
Ladies’ Project Day	Ruth Busscher, Jody Rietsma.....2 nd Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
Men’s Bible Study	Pastor Vern.....1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
Priscilla Circle	Pastor Vern.....2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Oakland Oasis	Krista Schout.....1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
Youth Group	Stacy and Susan Jones, Dave and Tobi Hoeker.....2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Cadets	Tom Flokstra.....1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
GEMS	Shanna Arendsen.....1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Prime Timers	Judi Blauwkamp, Ruth Kruithof.....As Announced
Power Point	Jordan Redder
Sound	Ken Hibma

General Information

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated the second Sunday of Feb., June, Sept., and Dec. and on Good Friday.

The sacrament of baptism is administered upon request. Contact the Elders.



Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, December 1, 2019

*“In the wilderness **prepare the way for the Lord.**” – Isaiah 40:3*

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:40 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Family Life Ministries
	10:55 AM	Adult Sunday School
	4:30 PM	Voices of Praise
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:15 PM	Open Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Oakland Oasis
	6:30 PM	GEMS / Cadets
	6:45 PM	Men’s Bible Study
	8:15 PM	OLT Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	District Meetings (Brian Kruithof)
Friday	6:00 PM	Thrive Christmas Party
Saturday	6:00 PM	Youth Group Shopping Trip

Preaching Pastors

December 1	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
December 8	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

Offerings

December 1

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Building Fund
Evening	Wedgewood Christian Youth / Family Services

December 8

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan
Evening	Youth for Christ of West Michigan

December Ushers

Morning	Ruth Busscher, Riley Brower, Larry Kruithof
Evening	Kyle Bauman, Glenn Dozeman, Mike Ver Beek
Substitute	Pres Heyboer

Volunteer Opportunities

Meal Train

We are updating our meal train list. If you would like to be included on the list for making a meal when there is a birth, sickness, surgery, etc. please sign your name on the sheet located in the back of church and include your phone number and email. Most of this is done on the computer now, but if you do not have Internet access we can still get you signed up. Contact Brenda Flokstra with any questions, 616-994-3420. Thank you and we appreciate your help!

Youth Group

Just to clarify...Stacy and Susan and Dave and Tobi are all leading Youth Group this year but it is Stacy and Susan’s last year. We are looking for another couple to join us in planning and leading the wonderful students that we are blessed with this year (2019/2020). Our goal is to work with the new couple and teach them how Youth Group goes and eventually pass it on to them for the next school year (2020/2021). Any questions or if you are interested please see Stacy and Susan Jones or Ken Hulst.

Thrive Leaders

We are looking for Thrive leaders for next year. If you have any interest or questions please see John or Heidi Dozeman or Ken Hulst. Thank you!

Community Announcements

Right to Life

Do you like to bake? The RTLHA needs desserts for our Annual Celebrate Life Holiday Auction. These desserts will be used for the dinner and to sell for Instant Buy items. If you are able to make something, please call the office at 616-396-1037 or email at rtlholland@egl.net.

Bulletin Wish List

*Replacing Church Parsonage Landscaping – any donation amount accepted

*Replacing Church Irrigation and Landscaping – any donation amount accepted

Congregational Announcements Continued...

District Family Visits

Household visits are being arranged for members in Mark Busscher and Brian Kruithof’s districts. Pastor Vern will be visiting with the families as well if they so choose. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please make sure you get your visit with Mark or Brian scheduled soon.

Profession of Faith

If you want to make profession of faith, please contact Pastor Vern.

Group Announcements

Sunday School Schedule

December 1- Sunday School as scheduled

December 8 – Christmas Program Practice

December 14 – Christmas Program Practice (Saturday Practice)

December 15 – Christmas Program Practice / Christmas Program – 6:00 PM

December 22 – Sunday School as scheduled

December 29 – Off for Christmas Break

Youth Group

Meet at church at 6:00 PM this Saturday! We will be going to Pizza Ranch for supper and then to Meijer to return cans/bottles and shop for our Christmas families. We will bring you home afterwards if you do not drive.

Prime Timers Christmas Party

We will be having our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 AM in the Branch. Please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex **no later than this Sunday, December 1st** if you can attend. We look forward to celebrating this time of season with good food, friends and fellowship. Any questions see Judi or Ruth. We hope to see you there!

Men’s Bible Study

We will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:45 PM. We will be pondering Proverbs 5. Please read, reflect and bring your comments and questions! Men of all ages are invited.

Greeters

December 1 Mitch and Jordan Redder

December 8 Tim and Jody Rietsma

Safety Team Volunteer

December 1 Herk Blauwkamp

December 8 Mike Ver Beek

Coffee Servers

December 1 Kathy Bosch and Hazel Compagner

December 8 Lee and Bette Ver Beek

Custodians

Monday - Friday Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956

Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 Matt and Katie Brower

December 7/8 Matt and Randi Prins

Nursery

December 1

Morning Kelli Kruithof, Kris Swieringa, Erika Kruithof

Evening Bonnie Arendsen, Cindy Dozeman, Megyn Schout

December 8

Morning Jackie Bosch, Taylor Kruithof, Noelle Christiansen

Evening Julie Duimstra, Tanya Van Dyke, Annika Kruithof

Sunday School Snack

December 1 Tanya Van Dyke

December 8 Off for Christmas Program Practice

Children in Worship Teacher/Helper

December 1 Stacy Engelsman, Casey Schrotenboer, Cassie Helder

December 8 Marcia Hoeksema, Krista Schout, Erika Kruithof

Sunday School Hall Monitors

December 1 Matt Brower, Allison Kruithof

December 8 Off for Christmas Program Practice

Happy Anniversary

December 3 Cris and Julie Compagner (26)

Ryan and Allison Kruithof (14)

Paul and Dawn Van Dam (37)

Happy Birthday

December 1	Tanya Van Dyke
December 4	Hazel Dozeman (88), Erika Kruithof (10)
December 5	Andrew Bosch (18), Andy Krommendyk (83)
December 6	Marcia Ver Beek

Please Pray For...

Our Missionaries: Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay, Scott Geurink, Steve Holtrop, Dr. Mike Johnson, Sandi Nyboer, Tom Post, Jordan & Rebecca Roeda, Rev. Guillermo Serrano and Ricardo Tranquini

Our Home Bound Members: Carole Engelsman, Bob Lampen and Arlyene Wolters

College Students: Marissa Compagner, Megan Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Drew Flokstra, Jennie Hibma, Sarah Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Mikayla Hoeve, Kacie Kruithof, Brandon Schreur, Josie Tanis and Jada VandenBosch

Continue to Pray For...

Continue to pray for healing for Will Hemmeke. He is currently in rehab at Mary Free Bed. Will attends our Cadet program.

Continue to pray for Jim (Jay Allen) Swieringa. Pray that they may get his magnesium under control.

Continue to pray for Wayne Van Dam as he recovers from his bypass surgery.

Pray for all of those in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing.

Thank You

We would like to thank the congregation for their support of Operation Christmas Child. Together we were able to collect and fill 57 boxes. Again thank you for your generosity!

-GEMS

Thank you to the congregation for supporting Prime Timers with our Rise-N-Roll Fundraiser. Because of you it was a successful event. Thanks again!

-Prime Timers

Congregational Announcements

Baptism

This morning we will witness the baptism of Lucas David John DeJonge. May we all hear God’s covenant promise to his children, “I am your God, you are my People!”

The Lord’s Supper

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord’s supper. Take this week to reflect on Jesus, who came to us as a baby and grew up in perfect righteousness, so that he might offer up the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Come next week to celebrate such a precious gift with a humble heart.

Children in Worship

Please take note, Children in Worship now meets in the old Thrive room, by the elevator downstairs. Parents with children that do not go on to Sunday school, you may pick your kids up there once the service is done. Thank you!

Youth Group Pop Can Drive

Thank you to those who are saving cans/bottles for us (and to those who have made a cash donation)! We have the privilege of partnering with Love INC again and will be shopping for 3 families (!!!) this year. We will be providing items of need and gifts for 4 adults and 4 children ranging in age from 3 to 14. **The enclosed trailer is in the parking lot and will be there through this Saturday evening, December 7th at 6:00 PM when Youth Group leaves.** Please also feel free to contact a member of the youth group to pick up your cans/bottles. We are grateful for the congregation’s support of this project! It is a special night that grants us many opportunities to be witnesses in our community when people learn what they are doing with 15+ shopping carts full of cans!

Transportation Needs

If you would like to have transportation to and from our morning worship services, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Any questions see Jordan. Thank you!

Weekend Janitors

If there is anyone in the congregation that is interested in volunteering to be a weekend janitor, there is a calendar located in the narthex to choose a weekend. The Christian School Society will be meeting at a later date to sign-up for the remaining weekends. Thank you!

Sunday School Hall Monitors

Parents of 3-year olds – 3rd Grade Sunday school students; in your mailbox you were given a schedule for hall monitors for the remainder of the 2019/2020 Sunday school year. We are requiring each parent to monitor the hall during the Sunday school hour in the church basement. If the date you are scheduled does not work for you, please find a substitute according to the list. Men need to find a male volunteer; women need to find a female volunteer. We are unable to have 2 males/2 females together and we are not to have spouses volunteer together. Any questions please see an Elder. Thank you!