

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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 7:30 AM
Children in Worship	Katie Baker.....Sundays at 9:50 AM
Sunday School	Todd Zoerhof, 3 yrs. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade.....Sundays at 10:40 AM
Catechism	Ken Hulst, Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 7:15 PM
Fellowship Bible Study	Dick and Mary Hilbink.....3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7:15 PM
Family Life Ministries	Allison Kruithof, Krista Schout.....Sundays at 10:45 AM
Thrive	John and Heidi Dozeman.....2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:45 PM
Ladies’ Bible Study	Rhonda Bosman.....1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
Men’s Bible Study	Pastor Vern.....1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
Priscilla Circle	Pastor Vern.....2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Oakland Oasis	Krista Schout.....1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
Youth Group	Stacy and Susan Jones, Dave and Tobi Hoeker.....2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Cadets	Tom Flokstra.....1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
GEMS	Shanna Arendsen.....1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 15, 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	Christmas Program Practice
	4:30 PM	Voices of Praise
	6:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program
Monday	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	GEMS Christmas Party
	6:30 PM	Cadets Christmas Party
	6:45 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday		Voices of Praise Christmas Party

### **Preaching Pastors**

December 15	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
December 22	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

### **Offerings**

#### **December 15**

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Basement Renovation
Evening	Rest Haven

#### **December 22**

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Globally
Evening	Good Samaritan Center

### **December Ushers**

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

### **Safety Team Volunteer**

December 15	Mike Arendsen
December 22	Jason Nyhof

### **Coffee Servers**

December 15	Lloyd and Carol Zoerhof
December 22	Julie and Mikayla Hoeve

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **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.

#### **Prime Timers**

We are looking for an individual to help with leading Prime Timers. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Ruth Kruithof or Tim Bauman. 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!

#### **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!

#### **Nursery Volunteers**

We are looking for more volunteers for nursery. If you are interested or have any questions please see Tanya Van Dyke or Jordan Redder. Thank you!

### **Community Announcements**

National Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 19, 2020. Right to Life of Holland’s March and Memorial Service will be announced soon.

### **Bulletin Wish List**

\*Replacing Church Parsonage Landscaping – any donation amount accepted

\*Replacing Church Irrigation and Landscaping – any donation amount accept

**Group Announcements**

**Sunday School Schedule**

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

December 22 – Sunday School as scheduled

December 29 – Off for Christmas Break

**Youth Group**

We will not be meeting the week of Christmas and will plan to resume our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday night meetings on January 8, 2020. Mandie Compagner will be providing our snack.

**Men’s Bible Study**

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

**Adult Sunday School**

We will not be meeting for the rest of December. We will resume our regular meetings again on January 5.

**Family Life Ministries**

We will be taking a break for the rest of December. We will resume meetings on January 5.

**Greeters**

December 15

Jerry and Rachael Rush

December 22

Curt and Krista Schout

**Custodians**

Monday - Friday

Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956

December 14/15

Ken and Barbara Hibma

December 21/22

Ryan and Allison Kruithof

**Nursery**

**December 15**

Morning

Tobi Hoeker, Jordan Redder, Casey Schrotenboer, Kaylee DeJonge

Evening

NO NURSERY – Christmas Program

**December 22**

Morning

Carrie Bosch, Megan Compagner, Ruth Kruithof, Cassie Helder

Evening

Ruth Busscher, Pat Van Dam, Chelsea Kruithof

**Sunday School Snack**

December 15

Off for Christmas Program Practice

December 22

Dawn Christiansen

**Children in Worship Teacher/Helper**

December 15

Shanna Arendsen, Katie Brower, Jacob Schout

December 22

Ellie Duimstra, Taylor Kruithof, Megyn Schout

**Sunday School Hall Monitors**

December 15

Off for Christmas Program Practice

December 22

Mark Baker / Tanya Van Dyke

**Transportation Team**

December 15

Herk & Judi Blauwkamp

December 22

Carol Zoerhof

**Happy Birthday**

December 15

Brenda Baker

December 16

Brandon Schreur

December 18

Jennie Hibma

December 20

Ken Van Dam (92)

### **Happy Anniversary**

December 16                      Junior and Frances Schreur (65)

### **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 was released from Mary Free Bed this week. Pray for him as he adjusts to life at home. Will attends our Cadet ministry.

Pray for Mel Myaard as he recovers from his fall at Rest Haven on 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Pray that his pain might be managed effectively.

Pray for Gabby Brouwer as she recovers from her gall bladder surgery this past week.

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

### **Thank You**

Thank you to our church family for all of your thoughts, calls, texts, many cards, and most of all for your prayers for me as I went through my surgeries and recovery. A special thank you to Pastor Vern for his visits. God is good and always faithful! We are so blessed. May God bless you richly in His love!

-Wayne Van Dam

The Youth Group would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of you for supporting our pop can drive!! It was a new record by far. We returned 9,185 pop cans in a little over 2 hours! We thank those of you who supported us with your cash donations too. We were able to provide items of need and gifts for all three of our families. We had extra money to include a Meijer gift card for each family too. We had a great night of fellowship and shopping. Thank you for blessing us with your support so that we could bless these families at Christmas! Check out our “Oakland CRC Youth” Facebook page for pictures.

### **Congregational Announcements**

#### **Christmas Program Practice**

This morning the Sunday school kids will be practicing for their Christmas Program in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour. Please plan on meeting upstairs immediately following the service.

#### **Reminder**

Material for the January Oakleaf is due to Jordan no later than today, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

#### **Movie Night**

The Outreach Leadership Team would like to invite you to a movie night at the Branch on Friday, December 27 at 6:30 PM. We will be watching “Overcomer”, an inspirational Christian movie for the whole family. It’s about a former high school basketball coach who reluctantly coaches the high school girls’ cross-country team. He meets Hannah and begins helping this unlikely runner. There is no admission fee, feel free to invite a friend. Please sign up with the number attending on the sheet located in the narthex by Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to see you there!

#### **Children in Worship**

Parents, please plan on picking your kids up from Children in Worship immediately following this morning’s service. Kids that are in Sunday school will be meeting in the sanctuary following the morning service for Christmas Program practice.

#### **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.