

Elder Assignments and Districts

Mike Ver Beek	2026	Youth Ministries	D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen
Steve Bosman	2024	Adult Ministries, Pulpit Supply	Cl. Compagner- D. Helder
Bob Dozeman	2025	Recording Clerk	Lisa Hertz -B. Kruithof
Andy Helder	2025	Membership Clerk, Fellowship & Service	K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma
Glenn Dozeman	2024	Worship	J. Rush – C. Van Dam
Mike Hoeksema	2026	Vice President, Missions & Evangelism	L. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

Deacon Assignments and Districts

Anthony Nelson	2026	Building & Grounds	D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen
Josh Schrotenboer	2024	Chairman of the Deacons	Cl. Compagner-D. Helder
Neil Tanis	2025	Mission/Mercy Fund Treasurer	Lisa Hertz-B. Kruithof
Frank Taylor	2025	General / Building Treasurer	K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma
Mitch Van Dyk	2024	Assistant Treasurer/ Covenant Giving Plan	J. Rush – C. Van Dam
Mitchell Slagh	2026	Zeeland Diaconal / Growing Hope Globally	L. Van Dam – T. Zoerhof

Custodians	Randy and Barb Ver Beek – (616) 218-9956
Secretary	Jody Rietsma – (616) 688-5290

General Information

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

Missionaries

Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay – Resonate Global Mission (Cambodia)
Rev. Huascar de la Cruz – ReFrame Ministries (Mexico)
Scott and Marcia Geurink – Resonate Global Mission (Michigan)
John and Kim Gryglewicz – Resonate Global Mission (Haiti)
Steve and Kim Holtrop – Resonate Global Mission (Nicaragua)
Rev. Dr. Mike Johnson – Ascending Leaders (Texas)
Ricardo Tranquini – My Father’s House Christian Community (Fennville, MI)
Sovann Neth – World Renew (Cambodia)

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

4460 38th Street, Hamilton, MI 49419

Morning Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM



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Oakland Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 31, 2023
O worship the King! Welcome to worship!

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Combined Evening Worship at Bentheim
Wednesday	9-2	Ladies Project Day at Branch
	5:15-6:30	Oasis
	6:30 PM	Cadets/GEMS
	6:45 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting at Branch
Friday	5:30 PM	THRIVE leaves for the Winter Retreat
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-17
		Title: <i>A Prayer for Wisdom and Revelation</i>
		Offering: Oakland CRC Ministries / Building and Grounds
	1:30 PM	THRIVE returns from the Winter Retreat
	6:00 PM	Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
		Title: <i>Loving Marriage Enough to Protect It</i>
		Offering: World Renew

Serving in Ministry	Today – 12/31	Next Sunday – 1/7
Nursery – AM	Tara Kruithof, Chantel Taylor, Erika Kruithof	Gabby Brouwer, Julie Hoeve, Nella Prins
Nursery – PM	Combined at Bentheim	Ruth Busscher, Alma Myaard
Safety Team	Greg Van Dyke	Mike Arendsen
Refreshments	Ruth Busscher	Kathy Bosch and Hazel Compagner
Weekend Custodian	Matt and Randi Prins	Jason and Pam Nyhof
Children in Worship Leader	None	Pam Nyhof
Children in Worship Helpers	None	Alyssa D./Hailley N.
Sunday School Cookies	None	Katie Slenk
Sunday School Security	None	Brad Slenk/ Sara Van Dyk

Ushers for January:

AM: Tom Flokstra, Brian Kruithof, Al Vander Lugt
PM: Ruth Busscher, Cris Compagner, Pres Heyboer

Happy Birthday: 1st Benny Hoeksema, Adele Rukeritwari (71), Mingi Shindano, Romeo Shindano, 2nd Vanessa Iriho, 3rd Casey Schrotenboer, 5th Tim Bauman Sr. (81), Matt Brower, 6th Tres Compagner (90), Hattie Schrotenboer (7)

Prayer Items for this week: Jim Vellenga had an outpatient procedure this week to correct some heart rhythm problems. Pray that this procedure will work to correct the problems Jim has been having with his heart.

Advance Notice: There is a calendar in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who would like to sign up for weekend janitor duty to support the Christian School Society. The Society will sign up for remaining weekends on January 7 following the morning service.

Community Announcement

The Dordt University Chamber Orchestra from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024, at the Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Holland. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. Under the baton of Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Activities Dr. Onsby C. Rose, the Dordt University Chamber Orchestra will perform a wide variety of repertoire ranging from the Romantic era with Tchaikovsky’s *Serenade for Strings*, to music by living composers, such as *Only Light* by Minnesota native Aaron Perrine. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God! The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Geneva Camp & Retreat Center: is scheduling soon for children’s programs for children entering 1st grade to 17 years old. There are information cards in the narthex.

Morning Order of Worship
December 31, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude, Welcome and Call to Worship - 1 John 4:9-10
*Opening Hymn of Worship
Worship His Majesty #152, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *O Holy Night*
*God's Greeting
*Hymn of Praise
Gray Psalter Hymnal #384, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
(2nd verse a cappella)

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God's Will for Our Lives - Romans 12:9-21
*Hymn of Commitment
Screen, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*
A Look Back through 2023
Congregational Prayer
Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Missionary Support

LISTENING TO THE LORD

*Song of Preparation
Worship His Majesty #638, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (page 1786)
Message: ***The Most Excellent Way***
Prayer of Application
*Hymn of Application
Lift Up Your Hearts ##727, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Christian Hearts in Love United*

LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*God's Parting Blessing
*Doxology - Lift Up Your Hearts #927, vs. 1, 2 - *God, the Father of Your People*
*Postlude

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande
Organist: Jacob Busscher; Pianist: Melissa Prins

**Please stand, if able*

Message Outline
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
The Most Excellent Way

Introduction

1. The _____ of Love (vs. 1-3)
2. The _____ of Love (vs. 4-8a)
3. The _____ of Love (vs. 8b-12)
4. The _____ of Love (vs. 13)

Conclusion