

Elder Assignments and Districts

Pastor Vern Swieringa - President

Lloyd Zoerhof	2020	Missions & Evangelism Liaison.....	A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Ken Hulst	2021	Youth Ministries Liaison.....	M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Bob Dozeman	2019	Recording Clerk, Search Committee.....	T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Jim Vellenga	2019	Vice President, Adult Ministries Liaison.....	G. Hulst – M. Myaard
Dennis Bosch	2021	Worship Liaison, Pulpit Supply.....	K. Perry – P. Van Dam
Tim Bauman	2020	Membership & Visitation Clerk, Fellowship & Service.....	W. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

Deacon Assignments and Districts

Rob Hilbink	2020	Assistant to the Treasurer.....	A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Dave Duimstra	2021	Building & Grounds Liaison, Covenant Giving Plan.....	M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Ryan Kruithof	2019	Chairman of Deacons/ Kingdom Ministries.....	T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Matt Brower	2019	General / Building Treasurer.....	G. Hulst – M. Myaard
Ryan Bosch	2021	Missions / Mercy Treasurer.....	K. Perry – P. Van Dam
Curt Schout	2020	Zeeland Diaconal / Foods Resource Bank.....	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	Jordan Redder, Ken Hulst, Liaison, 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	Tom and Brenda Flokstra, 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.....	2 nd Monday 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.



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Morning Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:40 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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Dr. Mike Johnson
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Tom Post
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Scott and Marcia Geurink
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Rev. Guillermo Serrano
Back to God Ministries International
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Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, December 9, 2018

“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.”

-Psalm 96:11-12

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:40 AM	Christmas Program Practice
	10:45 AM	Family Life Ministries
	4:00 PM	Voices of Praise
	5:45 PM	Thrive
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Dave Ramsey – Financial Peace University
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Priscilla Circle
	10:30 AM	Ladies Project Day
	6:00 PM	Voices of Praise – Christmas Party
Thursday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	8:30 PM	Council Meeting
Saturday	9:00 AM	Christmas Program Practice
	5:00 PM	Thrive – Christmas Party
	5:30 PM	Youth Group – Christmas Party

Preaching Pastors

December 9	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
December 16	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

Offerings

December 9

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

December 16

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / The Branch
Evening	Rest Haven

December Ushers

Morning	Nathan Busscher, Chase Van Dam, Paul Van Dam
Evening	Mark Busscher, Ruth Busscher, Gord Duimstra
Substitute	Ruth Kruithof

Volunteer Opportunities

Weekend Janitors

If you would be interested in volunteering to be a weekend janitor there is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex to choose a weekend. The Christian school society will meet after this morning's service to sign-up for the remaining weekends.

Transportation Ministry

We are starting up our transportation ministry again for the winter months and are looking for volunteer drivers. If you would be willing to pick up church members on Sunday mornings and bring them to church and then home again following the service, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Any questions see Jordan.

Sunday School Substitute Teachers

We are looking for a few more individuals who would be willing to be on our Sunday school teacher substitute list. If you would like to have your name added to the list please contact Ken Hulst or Jordan Redder. Thank you!

Nursery Reminder

If you are scheduled to be in nursery, PLEASE make sure you are there by 9:15 AM. Also, if you are unable to make it, *please make sure you find a substitute so we have the adequate amount of adults in nursery.* An adult needs to find a substitute that is 18 or older. Thank you!

Group Announcements

Sunday School Collection: December

For the month of December we are collecting fruit snacks, popcorn packets and pudding cups. Please place on the piano in the basement. Thank you!

Sunday School Schedule

December 9: Christmas Program Practice

December 15: Christmas Program Practice, 9-11 AM

December 16: Christmas Program Practice, Program is at 6 PM

Thrive

This Saturday, December 15th will be our Christmas party at the Branch from 5 PM – 9 PM. Please bring an appetizer/treat to share. Multiple activities will be going on for our Christmas party. Come and expect to have fun!

Friday, December 28 we will be getting together in the Branch for a Christmas break get-together. We will have games, food, movies and more! Please bring a snack to share.

Youth Group

This Saturday is our Christmas party at Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids! Please meet at church at 5:30 PM. Instead of ugly sweaters this year we will be awarding prizes for the best pair of socks and the best hat. You may participate in one or both categories. Your presentation will be factored in, so let's see those socks without you having to pull up your pant leg ☺. We will bring you home afterwards if you do not drive.

Priscilla Circle

We will be meeting on Wednesday at 9:30 AM. We will be reflecting on 1 Corinthians 15:12-58. Please read, reflect and bring your comments and questions. All women are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Ladies Project Day

We will be meeting this Wednesday, December 12 at 10:30 AM. Ladies of all ages are welcome! You may even bring your kids and they can play in the nursery. We would love to see all generations join us. We will have a potluck lunch so please bring a dish to pass and a project to work on. Any questions see Jody Rietsma.

Office Hours

Monday: 8-4

Thursday: 9-3

Coffee Servers

December 9 Gord and Connie Duimstra

December 16 Larry and Rose Kruithof

Greeters

December 9 Dale and Isla Compagner

December 16 Gene Compagner

Safety Team Volunteer

December 9 Ken Hulst

December 16 Herk Blauwkamp

Custodians

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

December 8/9 Brian and Tara Kruithof

December 15/16 Ken and Barbara Hibma

Nursery

December 9

Morning Gabby Brouwer, Marcia Ver Beek, Noelle Christiansen, Annika Kruithof

Evening Jane DeJonge, Tara Kruithof, Ellie Duimstra

December 16

Morning Katie Brower, Jordan Redder, Erika Kruithof, Megyn Schout

Evening No Nursery – Christmas Program

Children in Worship

December 9 Kacie Kruithof, Pat Van Dam, Cassie Helder

December 16 Ken and Mindy Hulst, Casey Schrotenboer, Alyssa DeJonge

Sunday School Snack

December 9 Dawn Christiansen

December 16 Katie Baker

Happy Birthday

December 9 Glenn Dozeman, Chelsea Kruithof (7)

December 10 Kellie Brower (14)

December 13 Jerald Engelsman

December 15 Brenda Baker

Please Pray For

Our Missionaries: Rev. Troy Bierma, Navy & Ly Chann-Chhay, Scott Geurink, Steve Holtrop, Dr. Mike Johnson, Sandi Nyboer, Tom Post, and Rev. Guillermo Serrano

Our Home Bound Members: Carole Engelsman, Bob Lampen, Lavina Schipper, Shirley Van Omen and Arlyene Wolters

College Students: Marissa Compagner, Megan Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Jennie Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Kacie Kruithof, Taylor Kruithof, Brandon Schreur, and Josie Zoerhof

Continue to pray for...

Your elders and deacons as they meet this Thursday for their monthly meetings. **(Please note date change.)** May God continue to lead and guide them to shepherd His dearly loved flock at Oakland Church.

Pray for Arlene Jager following her recent back surgery. Pray that she may have complete and quick healing.

Thank You

A big thank you to the congregation for supporting our pop can drive. We returned 3,890 cans! We enjoyed shopping for our sponsored family and were able to purchase 4 sets of pjs, slippers, undies, a sweatshirt, an outfit, toys, crafts, gift cards and a \$100 gift card for Christmas groceries.

We would like to say thank you for the donation of money for the tools that Cadets needed. It is very much appreciated!

Congregational Announcements

Children in Worship

Just a friendly reminder that Children in Worship is a worship program for kids ages three through Kindergarten (age 6). **If your child is not within this age group, please refrain from sending them down.** Thank you!

Ken Hulst – Youth Liaison

Welcome

Oakland Church is happy to receive the transfer of Bill and Ginger Hill from Lakeland Reformed Church in Vicksburg, MI.

Transportation Ministry

The winter weather has arrived! We are offering to those who might need it a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be picked up please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Thank you!

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are currently being collected for our **missionaries only**. If you would like to send one, please place it in Jordan's mailbox no later than **today**.

Family Devotions

A saying goes "A family that prays together, stays together." Oakland Church is offering a wonderful family devotional to its members called "Teach Us to Pray." This devotional follows the church calendar year and has special activities for children called "Preparing." It also includes a simple chorus for the family to sing together, a bible reading from the New International Readers Version, a question to dwell upon, a prayer and a blessing. Starting in January, Pastor Vern will be doing his Sunday morning messages on each Sunday's devotion so that the family can talk about the sermon as part of their devotions. There is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex to order your copy of "Teach Us to Pray." The devotionals have been paid for through a generous gift. **Today is the last day to sign up to receive this devotional gift!**

Reminder

Material for the January Oakleaf is due to Jordan no later than next Sunday, December 16th. Thank you!

Voices of Praise Christmas Party

We will be having our Christmas Party this Wednesday at 6PM in the Branch. Hope to see you there!