

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, March 11, 2018

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, planned long ago.” –Isaiah 25:1

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
	5:45 PM	Thrive
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	8:30 PM	Council Meeting
	9:30 AM	Priscilla Circle
	10:30 AM	Ladies Project Day
	7:00 PM	Prayer Day Service @ Drenthe CRC
Friday	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Thrive Outing

Preaching Pastors

March 11	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
March 18	AM – Rev. Ron Boersema	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

Offerings

March 11

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan
Evening	Back to God Hour

March 18

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / The Branch
Evening	Holland Rescue Mission

March Ushers

Morning	Riley Arendsen, Herk Blauwkamp, Tom Flokstra
Evening	Duane Arendsen, Dennis Bosch, Steve Bosman
Substitute	Andy Krommendyk

Outreach Opportunities

Work Service Opportunity

Help build a home in West Virginia! Jimmy, who has serious health problems, has been living in a camper since a flood demolished his home in 2016. Volunteers from churches of Holland – Zeeland, in collaboration with World Renew Disaster Response Services and their partner in West Virginia, have committed to building a new home for Jimmy. More volunteers, whether skilled or not yet skilled, are needed for a week or more beginning April 21 – May 11. For more information, or to sign up, contact Dale Compagner at icomp1949@gmail.com or 616-893-5750.

Christian Reformed Conference Grounds

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds would like to invite you to attend our “Journey On” fundraising dinner and concert on **Saturday, April 28**. This evening of fellowship, food, and worship will begin at 6 pm with punch bowl, then a delicious dinner of braised BBQ beef and chicken will begin at 6:30 with the concert to follow. The concert will feature dueling pianos by local favorites Kristin Bredeweg and Kurt VanderSchoor, along with the vocal talent of MacKenzie Segard and Casey Huls. This fundraiser is an effort to get our director, Mike Perton, who has committed to walk the Appalachian Trail in an effort to raise funds for debt reduction, out on the trail! The dinner is sponsored by two anonymous donors, which means EVERY dollar that is pledged and donated will go 100% toward debt reduction. If you would like to host a table please contact our office at 616-842-4478. Or, you may simply call, and we will be happy to put you at a table. Seating is limited and will fill up fast so call today! To learn more about this concert or Mike’s hike please visit our web site – www.creg.org

The **Christian Reformed Conference Grounds** is accepting applications for full time lifeguards for summer of 2018. Candidates must be graduated from high school, and willing to get their lifeguard certification to be considered for this job. Housing, compensation, and working in a fun, faith-based environment are just a few of the reasons to apply for this job! Email us at ministry@creg.org if you would like an application or have any questions.

Right to Life

Annual Walk / Run

The Annual Right to Life Walk/Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 10 AM at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland. You can pick up a pledge sheet from our office or download one from www.rtolofholland.org.

Fundraiser

The Russ’ Restaurant Fundraiser is Monday, March 19th from 5 PM – close at Russ’ Easttown ONLY. Download a coupon at www.rtolofholland.org.

Group Announcements

Sunday School

The Sunday school classes will be collecting pancake mix and syrup for the month of March.

Thrive

We will be going to BAM this Friday, March 16th. We plan on leaving church at 6:30 PM.

Any questions please see a leader.

Youth Group

We will be meeting this Wednesday at 7 PM in the Branch. No snack is needed this week.

We have lots of goodies left over from Serve N' Sleepover. See you Wednesday!

Ladies Project Day

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14 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 Ruth.

Priscilla Circle

We will be meeting this Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the Branch. Please read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 9 in preparation!

Volunteer Opportunities

Hall Monitors

There is a need for two adults (one male, one female, NO spouses) to help children during the Sunday school hour should they need to leave their class. There is a schedule in the narthex for volunteers to sign-up.

Bulletin Wish List

*(4) New chairs for the narthex - \$700.00 / chair

*(1) Smart TV and Computer for classrooms in Branch - \$1,100.00

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM – 11 AM

Thursday: 9 AM – 1 PM

Friday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Greeters

March 11

Larry and Pat Van Dam

March 18

Juella Van Dam

Coffee Servers

March 11

Judi Blauwkamp and Ruth Kruithof

March 18

Ruth Busscher

Safety Team Volunteer

March 11

Todd Zoerhof

March 18

Glenn Dozeman

Custodians

Monday – Friday

Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956

March 10/11

Ken and Barbara Hibma

March 17/18

Brian and Tara Kruithof

Children in Worship Teacher/Helpers

March 11

Pat Van Dam, Julie Hoeve, Mikayla Hoeve

March 18

Ken and Mindy Hulst, Sara Van Dyk

Sunday School Snack Helper

March 11

Susan Jones

March 18

Dawn Christiansen

Nursery

March 11

Morning

Allison Kruithof, Jordan Redder, Sarah Hibma, Sophie Jones

Evening

Carrie Bosch, Krista Schout, Ellie Duimstra

March 18

Morning

Jane DeJonge, Stacy Engelsman, Mandie Compagner, Cassie Helder

Evening

Julie Hoeve, Pat Van Dam, Alyssa DeJonge

Transportation Team

March 11

Lee Ver Beek

March 18

Herk Blauwkamp

Happy Anniversary

March 15

Larry and Pat Van Dam (60)

Happy Birthday

March 12 Carrie Bosch, Eli Brink (8), Noah VandenBosch (15)
March 13 Claire Brink (10)
March 14 Lois Dozeman
March 15 Ashley Bauman, Ken Hertz, Natalie Van Dyke (5)
March 16 Gord Schreur (84)
March 17 Herk Blauwkamp

Keep in your prayers...

Pray for your council members as they gather for their monthly meetings this Tuesday.

Please Pray For

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

Our Home Bound Members: Carole Engelsman, Lavina Schipper, and Arlyene Wolters

College Students: Jacob Busscher, Megan Compagner, Melanie Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Jennie Hibma, Rebecca Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Shawn Kroll, Taylor Kruithof, Brandon Schreur, Derek VerMerris and Josie Zoerhof

Congregational Announcements

Morning Worship Service

This morning our Middle School Sunday School class will be sharing in our worship service.

Prayer Day Service

The combined Prayer Day service will be this Wednesday, March 14th at 7 PM at Drenthe CRC. Rev. Spencer Tuttle will be leading us in the service. The offering will be for Foods Resource Bank. Please join us for this special combined service.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Vern will be leading the morning worship service at Drenthe CRC. Pastor Ron Boersema will be leading worship here at Oakland.

Welcome Our Refugee Family

Our refugee family from the Congo will be arriving at the Grand Rapids Airport on Wednesday evening at 6:57 PM, flight UA4985. Anyone interested is encouraged to come to the airport to welcome them to their new home.

Easter Flowers

In your mailboxes today you will find an order form for Easter flowers. You may purchase these plants for decorating the church this Easter season. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Oakland CRC and return them to Betty Brower's mailbox no later than **Sunday, March 25**. Thank you!

Church Bus

As you can see, the bus is here! There are some items that still need to happen to the bus to make it legal to use as well as a little sprucing up to do. We are working as fast as we can to make that all happen. We are also currently working on gathering information concerning the requirements necessary to become a driver. We appreciate your patience. Thank you!

Christian School Society

There is still some time to order your pizza kits! This week Wednesday is the last day to place your order. Orders may be placed online until Wednesday as well (ID # 346907). Thank you for your help and for supporting Christian Education. If you have any questions please see Jane, Julie Hoeve or Kelli Kruithof.

Vacation Bible School 2018

It's that time of year! We are starting to think about 2018 VBS and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to plan crafts, games or snacks. If you would be interested, even if it's just for one evening, or if you have any questions please see Brenda Flokstra. Thank you!

Chicken BBQ Committee

The Chicken BBQ Committee needs two additional couples to organize and assist in the annual Chicken BBQ for this summer. Please contact Dave Duimstra, Dean Brower, or Arlyn Schreur if you are able to help out with this event.

Bulletin and Oakleaf Material

Announcements and material for the bulletin now need to be turned in to Jordan no later than **9 AM on Thursdays** to OaklandCRC@gmail.com or you may place it in my mailbox. Anything turned in later than that will be included in the next week's bulletin. Material for the Oakleaf is due **no later than the 3rd Sunday** of the month. Anything received after the 3rd Sunday will not be included in the Oakleaf. Thank you!