## Oakland Christian Reformed Church Sunday, March 22, 2020

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, **slow to anger and rich in love."**-Psalm 145:8

## **Calendar**

Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service – Live Stream ONLY

\*The link will be available on our website and our Facebook page on Sunday morning.

## **Preaching Pastors**

March 22 AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa March 29 AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

## **Please Pray For...**

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

Our Home Bound Members: Carole Engelsman and Bob Lampen

College Students: Marissa Compagner, Megan Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Drew Flokstra,

Jennie Hibma, Sarah Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Mikayla Hoeve, Kacie Kruithof,

Brandon Schreur and Jada VandenBosch

## **Continue to Pray For...**

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

Please continue to pray for your elders and deacons as they provide care for their districts.

Pray for Gerald and Carole Engelsman's daughter, Sarah Hall who is recovering from a heart attack.

## **Congregational Announcements**

#### **Church Programs**

All church meetings and activities have been cancelled through March. The council will determine the next steps as more information becomes available. On the next page is the minutes from the Special Council meeting that was held this past Tuesday. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your district elder. Thank you!

#### **Branch and Church**

The Branch and Church are both closed through March. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Profession of Faith**

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

#### **Church Cross**

The Church cross has been placed in the parking lot. We encourage members to come to church to pray in front of the cross in their cars. Indeed, we can and do pray at home, but coming to church reminds us that we are part of the family of God. This is an opportunity for families to show their children that the church is a very important part of our lives.

## **Oakland Community Center**

The Oakland Community Center Auction has been postponed. We will determine a new date at a later time. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Bulletin Announcements / Oakleaf**

Due to church being closed the bulletin will be available online only. Announcements may still be made by Thursday's at 12:00 Noon to Jordan. The Oakleaf will be available next Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> online and in mailboxes once we return to church. If you have any last-minute additions you may send them by this Tuesday. Thank you!

## **Group Announcements**

There will be no groups meeting through March. All youth groups need to follow the school schedule and they can resume once school resumes. Please see the procedures set in place by Zeeland Classis if you have any questions.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Oasis**

Krista Schout will be stepping down from Oasis at the end of the church ministry year. We will be looking for a new person/persons to help with planning, cooking and organizing Oasis beginning in October. Krista is willing to help with training or answering any questions you might have. If you are interested or have any questions please see Dennis Bosch or Krista.

## **Happy Birthday**

| March 22 | Jacob Busscher                         |
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| March 23 | Emma Christiansen (10), Kacie Kruithof |
| March 25 | Curtis Flokstra (15), Ken Hulst        |
| March 28 | Bonnie Broekhuis, Barb Ver Beek        |

## **Happy Anniversary**

March 27 Arlyn and Marlene Schreur (33)

# Oakland Christian Reformed Church Special Council Meeting March 17, 2020

- Pastor Vern opened the meeting with prayer.
- Discussion was held on how to function as a church due to the current circumstances. Based on State and Federal Government recommendations, we will have a virtual worship service for the March 22 and March 29 services.
- After this period of time the council will reassess how to move forward.
- The Elders and Deacons will be contacting their household districts over the next couple of weeks to determine if there are needs within our church community.
- The Community Center auction, which was scheduled for March 28 has been postponed. A future date will be determined.
- Motion was made and approved to close the Branch through March 31. This will also be reassessed at that time.
- Pastor Vern closed the meeting with prayer.