

**Ladies Night Out:** Ladies ages 5-95 you are invited to a ladies night out on May 1 at 6:30 PM featuring food, fellowship and games. Jan Machiela from Ahadi Empowerment Academy will give us an update on the ministry the Academy provides. All proceeds for the Ahadi Mission Trip 2025. Signup sheets are in the narthex. The cost is \$10 per person. All payments may be placed in Jody's mailbox. Signup deadline is next Sunday April 21. Any questions see Jody Rietsma, Ruth or Abby Busscher or Tanya Van Dyke.

**VBS:** is being planned for June 24-26. Helpers are needed for craft organization, game planning, decorating, opening assembly leaders, song leaders and story tellers. If interested in helping with this ministry, please see Jody or email the church email at oaklandcrc@gmail.com with VBS in the subject line. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**Save the Date** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament! The Christian School Society will be hosting a Pig Roast, Cornhole Tournament & a silent auction on September 7. We are looking for sponsors for boards. If you would like to sponsor a board the cost is \$350. You get to keep the boards & bags after the tournament. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The deadline to sign up for a set of boards is May 5. We are also looking for items for the silent auction. If you have an item that you would be willing to donate, please talk to Ryan or Jackie Bosch, Ryan or Allison Kruithof, Mitch or Sara VanDyk. Team sign ups and more details to come in the upcoming months. We are looking forward to a fun night of good food & friendly competition!

#### **Community Announcement**

A Christmas Home Tour is being planned by the Ahadi Mission Trip 2025 Team. Save the date of December 7 to see beautifully decorated Christmas themed homes.

## **Oakland Christian Reformed Church**

4460 38<sup>th</sup> 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, April 14, 2024**  
**Come and worship!**

**Calendar**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Profession of Faith Class
	5:45 PM	THRIVE
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Monday	6:30 PM	Elder/Deacon Meetings
	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
	8:00 PM	Full Council
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Last Cadet Meeting at Wayne Van Dam
Thursday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting at Branch
Friday	5:30 PM	Cadets meet at church for campout
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Ephesians 3:17b-19
		Title: <b>Rooted and Grounded</b>
		Offering: Oakland CRC Ministries/Growing Hope Globally
	6:00 PM	Scripture: Colossians 3:13
		Title: <b>A Forgiven Forgiving People</b>
		Offering: GEMS

Serving in Ministry	Today 4/14	Next Sunday 4/21
Nursery - AM	Julie Duimstra, Kim Vande Zande, Morgan Slenk	Jane DeJonge, Johanna Nelson, Annie Smit
Nursery - PM	Standby: Abby Busscher, Pat Van Dam	Standby: Cindy Dozeman, Rose Kruithof
Safety Team	Chase Van Dam	Anthony Nelson
Refreshments	Larry and Rose Kruithof	Marcia Boerman and Bette Ver Beek
Weekend Custodians	Mitch and Sara Van Dyk	Josh and Casey Schrotenboer
Children in Worship Leader	Pam Nyhof	Kim Vande Zande
Children in Worship Helpers	Ellery S./Alysha V.D.	Julie H./Nella P.
Sunday School Cookies	Carrie Bosch	Stephanie Smit
Sunday School Security	Brad Slenk/Sara Van Dyk	Stacy Jones/ Pam Nyhof

**Ushers for April:** AM Ken Hulst, Larry Myaard, Curt Schout  
 PM Bob Baker, Dan Bosch, Neil Karp

**Happy Birthday:** 14<sup>th</sup> Nick Zoerhof, 15<sup>th</sup> Ryan Ver Beek, 17<sup>th</sup> Junior Schreur (92),  
 18<sup>th</sup> Matt Prins, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug Hoekstra (88), 20<sup>th</sup> Pat Van Dam (76)

**Happy Anniversary:** 16<sup>th</sup> Matt and Stephanie Smit (19)

**Prayers for this week:**

Curtis Flokstra is scheduled to have a 12-hour surgery on Tuesday to reconstruct his hip, pelvis, and femur because he has hip dysplasia and a turned femur as a result of a growth deformity. This major surgery will happen in Chicago and Curtis will be in the hospital for 5 days following the surgery. After surgery, Curtis will be on crutches and going through physical therapy for 6 months. Pray that the surgery will be successful and pray that God will bless Curtis with a full and complete recovery.

**From the Council:** The council will be working on the nomination process for elders and deacons at their April meeting. Members of the congregation may submit names or comments for the council's consideration in the process.

**Voices of Praise** will resume practicing next Sunday April 21 at 5 PM.

**From the Deacons:** We are accepting bids for the Branch janitorial work. These bids can be submitted to Anthony Nelson's mailbox on or before April 28. Any questions see one of the Deacons.

**Prayer line Volunteers** are needed to update the telephone prayer line. If you would like to help with this ministry or have any questions, please see Jody. We are looking for at least 2 more people.

**Graduates:** If you are graduating from college or high school, please let Jody know as soon as possible. We would like to celebrate you in our May Oakleaf and on graduate recognition Sunday on May 19. The deadline for submission is next Sunday April 21.

**Prime Timers:** Save the date for April 26 for lunch and games at the Branch. There are signup sheets in the narthex.

**Oakleaf** information for the May issue is due next Sunday April 21 to Jody's mailbox.

GEMS Sunday Order of Worship  
April 14 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Message Outline  
Esther 4  
**Rise Up!**

**REJOICING IN THE LORD**

Prelude  
Welcome and Call to Worship      Philippians 1:3-6, 10-11  
\*Opening Song of Worship      *House of the Lord*  
\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting  
\*Song of Praise      *Creator*

**CELEBRATING THE WORK OF THE LORD**

GEMS Litany  
GEMS Update - from Shanna Arendsen and the GEMS  
Songs of Praise (Led by GEMS)  
    *Hallelujah/Praise Ye the Lord*  
    1st time GEMS, 2nd time - Congregation  
    *Peace Like a River* - with the Congregation  
Congregational Prayer  
Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving  
    -There will be a GEMS Video during the offering  
    -Children in Worship Dismissal (3 - Kindergarten)-Jesus is Risen

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation      *Lifesong*  
Scripture: Esther 4 (page 780)  
Message: **Rise Up!**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of Application      *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology      *God of Grace and God of Glory*  
\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande  
Worship Team

*\*Please stand, if able*

Introduction

Esther 1-2

Esther 3

Esther 4

1. Esther Rose Up

A. When She \_\_\_\_\_ Before the \_\_\_\_\_

Esther 5-7

B. When She \_\_\_\_\_ Up for Her \_\_\_\_\_

Esther 8-10

2. Esther Rises Up

A. Because She Had \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

B. Because She Had \_\_\_\_\_ from The \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion

Evening Order of Worship  
April 14, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**A TIME OF PRAISE**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship - Psalm 121  
\*Opening Song of Worship  
Gray PH #448, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains*

**A TIME OF FAITH**

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33 (page 1505)  
Songs of Response  
LUYH #21, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *This Is My Father's World*  
LUYH #23, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *Children of the Heavenly Father*  
LUYH #543, vs. 1, 2 - *Now Thank We All Our God*  
\*Apostles' Creed (page 813)  
Congregational Prayer

**A TIME OF LEARNING**

\*Hymn of Preparation  
LUYH #19, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 - *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 50 (page 922)  
Scripture: Numbers 20:1-13 (page 240)  
Message: ***Trusting God's Provision***  
Prayer of Application  
\*Hymn of Application  
LUYH #5, vs. 1, 2 - *Let All Things Now Living*

**A TIME OF LIVING**

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology  
LUYH #543, vs. 1, 2 - *Now Thank We All Our God*  
\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande  
Organist: Julie Compagner  
Pianist: Rose Kruithof

*\*Please stand, if able*

Evening Message Outline  
Numbers 20:1-13; Lord's Day 50  
***Trusting God's Provision***

1. A Lack of \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. From the \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - B. From \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  - B. Give \_\_\_\_\_