

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, April 8, 2018

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. -1 John 3:16

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:55 AM	Adult Sunday School
	4:30 PM	Voices of Praise
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
	7:15 PM	Open Bible Study
Monday	9:00 AM	Worship Committee
	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	8:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Priscilla Circle
	10:30 AM	Ladies Project Day
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Saturday	9:00 AM	Community Center Clean-Up

Preaching Pastors

April 8	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
April 15	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

Offerings

April 8	
Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan
Evening	Allendale Family Life Center
April 15	
Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / The Branch
Evening	Compassionate Heart Ministry

April Ushers

Morning	Dean Brower, Riley Brower, Brian Kruithof
Evening	Dick Hilbink, Arlyn Schreur, Greg VerMerris
Substitute	Gene Compagner

Outreach Opportunities

Zeeland Women’s Division Bible League International Spring Luncheon

You are invited to attend the annual Spring Luncheon of the Zeeland Women’s Division / Bible League International on Thursday, April 26 at 11:30 AM at North Street CRC in Zeeland. Our guest speakers are Pastor Phil and his wife Sonnet Quinn of Trinity Reformed Church in Holland, with a dramatic retelling of the story of “Ruth” as she journeys to the land of her mother-in-law and the situations she encounters when they arrive. The luncheon event is a suggested donation of \$7.50. An offering will be received for our “Latin America” project. For reservations please call Alma Heyboer or Arla Zoerhof.

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.rtlofholland.org.

HFC Pancake Breakfast

We would like to invite you to join us on Saturday, April 28th for our 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast / Fundraiser. It will be at Hungry For Christ, 4565 135th Avenue in Hamilton from 8 AM – 10:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

2018 Hamilton Baccalaureate

You are cordially invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2018, which will be held at 2:30 PM on Sunday, May 20, at Overisel Reformed Church.

Bulletin and Oakleaf Material

Bulletin Announcements Due: Thursday by 9 AM
Oakleaf Material Due: Sunday, April 15

Bulletin Wish List

*(4) New chairs for the narthex - \$700.00 / chair
*(1) Smart TV and Computer for classrooms in Branch - \$1,100.00

Office Hours

Monday: 9-11
Thursday: 9-1
Friday: 9-3

Group Announcements

Sunday School Schedule

April 8 – Off for Spring Break

Hand 2 Hand

For the month of April we will be collecting “snack size” treats. Individually wrapped fruit snacks, Rice Krispy treats, snack size crackers, etc. Whatever is your favorite might be a Hand 2 Hand favorite too!

Ladies Bible Study

For the month of April we will be meeting on the **2nd and 4th** Mondays, April 9 and April 23. Thank you!

Priscilla Circle

We will be meeting this Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Please read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 11 in preparation.

Ladies Project Day

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 11 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.

Youth Group

We will be meeting Wednesday evening for our final regular Wednesday night of the school year. See you at the Branch at 7 PM. Drew and Brian Flokstra will be providing our snack.

Please save these dates!

Saturday, April 21 – Serve Project, more details to come.

Saturday, April 28 – Year-End celebration in the evening.

Volunteer Opportunities

Power Point

We are looking for one or two more people to join the power point team. This is usually a once a month commitment, with the occasional two Sundays per month. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jordan.

Community Center Clean Up

Join the fun and help clean up the Oakland Community Center on Saturday, April 14th at 9 AM. Donuts and hot coffee will be provided. Bring a shovel and/or a rake if you have one.

Coffee Servers

April 8 Justin and Jane DeJonge

April 15 Tom and Brenda Flokstra

Greeters

April 8 Greg and Tanya Van Dyke

April 15 Dale and Shirley Van Omen

Safety Team Volunteer

April 8 Brian Kruithof

April 15 Larry Kruithof

Custodians

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

April 7/8 Cris and Julie Compagner

April 14/15 Matt and Katie Brower

Children in Worship Teacher/Helpers

April 8 Katie Baker, Allison Kruithof, Kirstyn Kruithof

April 15 Pat Van Dam, Susan Jones, Jacob Schout

Sunday School Snack Helper

April 8 Off for Spring Break

April 15 Randi Prins

Nursery

April 8

Morning Marissa Compagner, Tara Kruithof, Kellie Brower, Alyssa DeJonge

Evening Ruth Kruithof, Pat Van Dam, Brian Flokstra

April 15

Morning Randi Prins, Barb Ver Beek, Eliana Christiansen, Cassie Helder

Evening Jane DeJonge, Allison Kruithof, Megyn Schout

Transportation Team

April 8 Larry Kruithof

April 15 Lee Ver Beek

Happy Birthday

April 8 Sarah Hibma (17), Al Vander Lugt
April 9 Betty Brower
April 10 Juella Van Dam (88)
April 11 Ryan Dozeman (15), Josie Zoerhof
April 12 Lisa Hertz, Curt Schout
April 13 Lee Ver Beek
April 14 Nicholas Zoerhof

Recipe Correction

Please correct the following item in April's Oakleaf:

Recipe: Graham Bread

Add: 1 cup of buttermilk

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

Continue to pray for...

Pray for our elders and deacons as they meet on Tuesday evening for their monthly meetings. May God continue to lead and guide their discussions and decisions.

We praise God that Ross and Kelli Kruithof have returned home from China with their new daughter, Lydia! Pray for smooth adjustments as Lydia begins living with her forever family!

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, food, transportation and help in so many ways as I healed from the last 2 surgeries I had. I am blessed to worship at Oakland and honored by the generosity and support from friends.

-Jeff Machiela

Congregational Announcements

Reminder

Material for the May Oakleaf is due no later than next **Sunday, April 15**. Thank you!

Oakland History

Do you have any old Oakleaf newsletters, pictures, Sunday school papers or anything Oakland church related? I am interested! I would like to start posting some Oakland history in our Oakleaf and would love to have some contributions from you. If you do not wish for your item to leave your possession it can be photographed or scanned. Please see Jody Rietsma with any questions or ideas. Thank you!

Golf League

Attention Oakland Golfers!! Spring is just around the corner and that means it's time to start thinking about joining our annual Golf League for 2018. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex so grab a partner, sign up, and plan on having a great time! More details will come. Any questions see Dean Brower.

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

We are still looking for volunteers for the Oakland Chicken Barbecue Committee. If we're unable to find additional help we may have to discontinue this annual event. Please see Arlyn Schreur, Dean Brower or Dave Duimstra if you are interested and able.

College Graduates

If you have a student graduating from college this year, please let Jordan know as soon as possible. We would like to run their information in the June Oakleaf. Thank you!

Oasis

We are looking for someone to help going forward for next year with planning and making meals for Oakland Oasis. If you would be interested please see Krista Schout.

Voices of Praise

We will begin our regular practices again today at 4:30. See you there!