

**Voices of Praise:** Choir practice will begin Sunday, October 1, at 5pm. Come join us as we lift our voices in praise to God! New voices are welcome! Any questions, please contact Lois Dozeman or Dawn Van Dam.

**Open Bible Study:** This Bible study will be starting Sunday, October 1, after the evening service (around 7:15) at the Branch. We meet on the first Sunday of every month. We begin with a light meal and time of fellowship together, followed by the Bible study. This year we are beginning a study of the book of Romans. New faces are welcome to join us! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. If anyone has any questions, please contact Lois Dozeman.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** will begin on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 at The Branch. Please join us as we study the Women of Faith bible study, “Worshiping God with Our Lives” by Christa Kinde...and the ‘Trinkets to Treasure” will return! Come join us as we look at what the Bible says about the ways in which we can bring glory to God in all we say and do, with reflections to help you move the truth from your head to your heart. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up TODAY in order to get study guides ordered, and to you, prior to our first session. Contact Rhonda Bosman if you have any questions! Text or call 616-217-8395.

**Everyday Evangelism – Linking People to Jesus**

The Outreach Team is planning this Evangelism training for Wednesday nights, October 18, 25, and November 1, from 6:30-8:00pm. The training will be led by Resonate. God’s heart longs for people to be reconciled to Him, so He sent Jesus to bridge the gap. And Jesus said in John 20:21 ‘As the Father has sent me, I am sending you’. Jesus also said, “Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39). Evangelism is a process; someone plants a seed, another waters, and God makes things grow. Learn to take every opportunity to share the love of God and the gospel message to help move people along one link at a time closer to God. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church so we can know how many to plan on for materials and seating. Everyone is welcome!

**Community Announcement**

**His Harvest Stand** has a paid volunteer coordinator position opening. If interested in seeing the job description, see Jody.

**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, September 17, 2023***  
*Welcome to worship!*

**Calendar**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	6-8 PM	Oasis and Fall Season Kickoff
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting at the Branch
Saturday	4:30-5:45 PM	Pig Roast followed by Cornhole Tournament
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Psalm 121
		Title: <b><i>Pick Up Your Head</i></b>
		Offering: Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Globally
	6:00 PM	Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17
		Title: <b><i>I'm Wanted: Dead or Alive</i></b>
		Offering: Holland Rescue Mission

Serving in Ministry	Today – 9/17	Next Sunday – 9/24
Nursery – AM	Linda Kennell, Allison Kruithof, Natalie Van Dyke	Gabby Brouwer, Ruth Busscher, Kirstyn Kruithof
Nursery – PM	Jody Rietsma, Pat Van Dam	Jackie Bosch, Ruth Kruithof
Safety Team	Ken Hulst	Mitch Van Dyk
Refreshments	Tim and Jody Rietsma	Julie Hoeve
Weekend Custodian	Mitch and Sara Van Dyk	Ryan and Jackie Bosch
Children in Worship Leader	Katie Baker	Shanna Arendsen
Children in Worship Helpers	Alyssa DeJonge, Hailley Nelson	Johanna Nelson, Piper Prins
Sunday School Cookies	Katie Slenk	Sara Van Dyk
Sunday School Security	Brad Slenk, Sara Van Dyk	Ryan Bosch, Katie Baker

**Happy Birthday:** 18<sup>th</sup> Kirstyn Kruithof (15), Greg VerMerris, 19<sup>th</sup> Jane Bauman (79), Lucas DeJonge (4), Carol Myaard (75), Norma Schutte (86), Lincoln Taylor (6), Paul Van Dam, 20<sup>th</sup> Cooper Brouwer (4), John Dozeman, 21<sup>st</sup> Haley Bosch (6), Randi Prins

**Happy Anniversary:** 18<sup>th</sup> Lyle and Betty Brower (54), Josh and Melanie Groenheide (2), 19<sup>th</sup> Tim and Jody Rietsma (37), 23<sup>rd</sup> Dave and Tobi Hoeker (17)

**Oakleaf** submission deadline is **TODAY** to Jody’s mailbox and tomorrow to the church email.

**Prayer Items for this week:**

We give thanks for the wedding that united Chad and Taylor Payne in marriage on Saturday. Pray that God will bless their new life together.

We give thanks that Vanessa Carla Iriho became a United States citizen on Wednesday. Praise God for this great news.

Please pray for Jim and Jeanette Vellenga’s grandson, Micah Huisman. Micah was deployed yesterday for 9 months to the Persian Gulf. Pray that God will protect Micah and keep him safe.

**From the Council:** On Sunday, September 24, after the evening service, we are going to have a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on moving the start of our evening service from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. An agenda and ballot for this meeting is in your mailbox.

**Kickoff:** Oakland will be Kick'n off an exciting 23-24 program year on Wednesday, September 20th from 6-8pm. This will also be the first night of GEMS, Cadets, and Oasis. Invite your friends & family for a fun, free night of food, fellowship, and activities.

**Oasis:** There are signup sheets in the narthex for those who would like to help serve at our first Oasis of the season. Any questions see Brenda Flokstra.

**The Worship Team** will begin their season of praise and worship on Sunday, September 24. If you would like to join us (either vocalists or instrumentalists), please talk to Cris Compagner TODAY, so he can plan accordingly.

**Pig Roast and Cornhole Tournament:** We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday! Please join us for a pig roast dinner from 4:30-5:45pm & then watch some exciting games of corn hole! Please bring a lawn chair with you if you wish to sit & watch! We are praying for nice weather, but we do have a backup plan if needed. We will communicate if the location changes with you via the email prayer chain & the prayer line! If you have any questions, please reach out to Casey, Randi, Allison or Jackie.

**THRIVE Kickoff:** Save the date for September 29. More details to follow.

**Parents of College Students:** The College Student Ministry coordinator (Hazel Compagner) would like the name, address of your student, and whether they live on campus, are online or commuting. You can place this information in Hazel’s mailbox by the 24<sup>th</sup> or you can call or text her with the information. Her number is 616-970-8999. Thank you!

Morning Order of Worship  
**September 17, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**

**REJOICING IN THE LORD**

Prelude, Welcome and Call to Worship - Micah 4:2

\*Opening Hymn of Worship - Worship His Majesty #110, vs. 1, 2, 4 - *The Lord Is King!*

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

**APPROACHING THE LORD**

Hymn of Confession - Lift Up Your Hearts #737, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives (page 1014)

Education Commission

\*Hymn of Response - Lift Up Your Hearts #327, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *When We Walk with the Lord*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Building and Renovation Fund

*(After the offertory is over, the song, "Jesus, Loves Me" will be played. During that song, the children who are going to Children in Worship are to come forward for prayer.)*

Children in Worship Dismissal (3 years old - Kindergarten) - Lesson / Creation

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation

Worship His Majesty #396, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *More About Jesus Would I Know*

Belgic Confession, Articles 2, 3, 5, 7 (page 818)

Scripture: Psalm 119:1-8 (page 957)

Message: ***A Lamp and a Light***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

Lift Up Your Hearts #762, vs. 1, 2 - *Ancient Words*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology - Lift Up Your Hearts #334, vs. 2, 4, 5 – *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Organist: Deb De Young; Pianist: Dar Pettinga

*\*Please stand, if able*

Morning Message Outline  
Psalm 119:1-8  
***A Lamp and a Light***

1. God Gives Direction

A. Through His \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_

B. Through THE \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Importance of God's Direction

A. We Develop \_\_\_\_\_

-Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Come

i. We Do \_\_\_\_\_ Get \_\_\_\_\_

ii. We Do \_\_\_\_\_

iii. We Have Something to \_\_\_\_\_ on to

C. We Are Thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Desire for God's Direction

**Evening Order of Worship**  
**September 17, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

**A TIME OF PRAISE**

Prelude, Welcome and Call to Worship - Deuteronomy 6:18  
\*Opening Song of Worship  
Lift Up Your Hearts #43, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*  
\*God's Greeting

**A TIME OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question 86 (page 901)  
Song of Response - Lift Up Your Hearts #543, vs. 1, 2 - *Now Thank We All Our God*  
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question 87 (page 901)  
Song of Response - Lift Up Your Hearts #655, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Out of the Depths*  
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Questions 88-90 (page 902)  
Song of Response  
Lift Up Your Hearts #366, vs. 1, 2, 4 - *My Jesus, I Love Thee (2nd verse a cappella)*  
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question 91 (page 902)  
\*Song of Response - Lift Up Your Hearts #604, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *To God Be the Glory*  
\*Apostles' Creed (page 813)  
Congregational Prayer  
Offerings for Holland Rescue Mission

**A TIME OF LEARNING**

Scripture: 3 John (text vs. 11) (page 1907)  
Message: ***Imitating What Is Good***  
Prayer of Application  
\*Hymn of Application - Screen, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Holy Spirit*

**A TIME OF LIVING**

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology - Lift Up Your Hearts #953, vs. 1, 2 - *Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God*  
\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande  
Organist: Deb De Young  
Pianist: Connie Duimstra

*\*Please stand, if able*

**Evening Message Outline**  
**3 John (text vs. 11)**  
***Imitating What Is Good***

- Introduction
1. Your \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion