

**Elder Assignments and Districts**

Pastor Vern Swieringa - President

Lloyd Zoerhof	2020	Missions & Evangelism Liaison.....	A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Ken Hulst	2021	Youth Ministries Liaison.....	M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Bob Dozeman	2019	Recording Clerk, Search Committee.....	T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Jim Vellenga	2019	Vice President, Adult Ministries Liaison.....	G Hulst – M. Myaard
Dennis Bosch	2021	Worship Liaison, Pulpit Supply.....	K. Perry – P. Van Dam
Tim Bauman	2020	Membership & Visitation Clerk, Fellowship & Service.....	W. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

**Deacon Assignments and Districts**

Rob Hilbink	2020	Assistant to the Treasurer.....	A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Dave Duimstra	2021	Building & Grounds Liaison, Covenant Giving Plan.....	M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Ryan Kruithof	2019	Chairman of Deacons/ Kingdom Ministries.....	T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Matt Brower	2019	General / Building Treasurer.....	G. Hulst – M. Myaard
Ryan Bosch	2021	Missions / Mercy Treasurer.....	K. Perry – P. Van Dam
Curt Schout	2020	Zeeland Diaconal / Foods Resource Bank.....	W. Van Dam – T. Zoerhof

**Ministries, Contact Persons, Schedules**

Sunday Men’s Group	Dan Bosch.....	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 7:30 AM
Children in Worship	Katie Baker.....	Sundays at 9:50 AM
Sunday School	Ken Hulst, Liaison, 3 yrs. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade.....	Sundays at 10:40 AM
Catechism	Ken Hulst, Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade.....	Sundays at 10:45 AM
Adult Sunday School	Janice VerMerris.....	Sundays at 10:55 AM
Voices of Praise	Beth DeYoung, Dawn Van Dam.....	Sundays at 4:30 PM
Adult Bible Study	Pres & Alma Heyboer.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 7:15 PM
Open Bible Study	Mike and Marcia Ver Beek.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 7:15 PM
Fellowship Bible Study	Dick and Mary Hilbink.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7:15 PM
Family Life Ministries	Allison Kruithof, Krista Schout.....	Sundays at 10:45 AM
Thrive	Tom and Brenda Flokstra, John and Heidi Dozeman.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:45 PM
Ladies’ Bible Study	Rhonda Bosman.....	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 PM
Office Bearers	Elders, Deacons, Council.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday respectively at 6:30, 7:00 and 8:30 PM
Ladies’ Project Day	Ruth Busscher, Jody Rietsma.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
Men’s Bible Study	Pastor Vern.....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
Priscilla Circle	Pastor Vern.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Oakland Oasis	Krista Schout.....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
Youth Group	Stacy and Susan Jones, Dave and Tobi Hoeker.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Cadets	Tom Flokstra.....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
GEMS	Shanna Arendsen.....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Prime Timers	Judi Blauwkamp, Ruth Kruithof.....	As Announced
Power Point	Jordan Redder	
Sound	Ken Hibma	

**General Information**

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated the second Sunday of Feb., June, Sept., and Dec. and on Good Friday.  
The sacrament of baptism is administered upon request. Contact the Elders.



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Morning Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:40 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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<p>Dr. Mike Johnson Ascending Leaders 3947 Field Crossing Sugar Land, TX 77498</p>	<p>Tom Post World Renew / Asia Team Leader 2850 Kalamazoo Ave. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49560</p>	<p>Rev. Troy Bierma Resonate Global Missions 3233 Burton S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546</p>
<p>Navy &amp; Ly Chhay Chann #C46 Street 42TB Boeung Tompon Khan Meanchey Phnom Penh Cambodia</p>	<p>Steve Holtrop Resonate Global Missions APDO Postal 1076 Managua, Nicaragua Central America</p>	<p>Sandi Nyboer Teen Life on Campus 4275 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Hamilton, MI 49419</p>
<p>Scott and Marcia Geurink 11195 Rich Street West Olive, MI 49460</p>		<p>Rev. Guillermo Serrano Back to God Ministries International 211 S. Michigan Villa Park, IL 60181</p>

## **Oakland Christian Reformed Church**

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

*“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”*

*-Ephesians 5:1-2*

### **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
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Thursday	8:45 AM	Prime Timers Outing – Shipshewana
Friday	6:00 PM	Open Bible Study Kick-Off
Saturday	4:00 PM	Shindano Family Celebration
	5:00 PM	Thrive Kick-Off

### **Preaching Pastors**

September 23	AM – Rev. Mitch Brink	PM – Rev. Mitch Brink
September 30	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

### **Offerings**

#### **September 23**

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Worldwide (FRB)
Evening	Holland Home

#### **September 30**

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Missionary Support
Evening	Food Drive

### **September Ushers**

Morning	Riley Arendsen, Herk Blauwkamp, Ross Kruithof
Evening	Glenn Dozeman, Gary Hulst, Larry Van Dam
Substitute	Andy Krommendyk

### **Coffee Servers**

September 23	Kathy Bosch & Hazel Compagner
September 30	Lee & Bette Ver Beek

### **Greeters**

September 23	Dennis and Kathy Bosch
September 30	Ryan and Jackie Bosch

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Course**

This coming November, Oakland will be offering a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Course to members of church. More details will come on this soon. We are going to be looking for nursery volunteers to help out with kids on the evenings of the classes. Classes will be Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. If you are able to help please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex.

### **Community Announcements**

#### **Right to Life**

Mark your calendars! Our annual fundraising dinner for the RLM Education Fund will be on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville. Guest speakers for this year are Alan and Lisa Robertson from Duck Dynasty. Tickets are \$50 per person with a 10% discount when you purchase an entire table.

#### **Life Chain 2018**

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 PM, Right to Life of Holland Area will be on 16<sup>th</sup> Street by Langeland-Sternberg Funeral Home. What is life chain? It is a peaceful, QUIET, and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing and praying for our nation to end abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death! You’ll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer.

#### **Community Harvest Auction and Pig Roast**

Fall is approaching and that means it’s time for the annual Community Harvest Auction and Pig Roast at the Drenthe Grove Dozeman building in Zeeland. Please join us on Saturday, September 29 for dinner and auction fun. Dinner and the silent auction starts at 5 PM, entertainment follows at 5:30 and the live auction beings at 7. There is no cost to attend this event.

### **Bulletin Wish List**

New Sound Board - \$800.00

### **Bulletin and Oakleaf Material**

Bulletin Announcements Due: Thursdays by 9 AM  
Oakleaf Material Due: Third Sunday of the Month

## **Group Announcements**

### **Sunday School Collection**

Sunday school will be collecting items for the Hand 2 Hand ministry. Each month we will focus on a different item. For September & October we will be collecting Fruit Cups. You may bring them to church and place them on the piano in the basement. We also invite the congregation to participate. If at anytime you would like to bring in the collection item you may place it downstairs on the piano or you may give it to one of the Sunday school kids. Thank you.

### **Prime Timers – Save the Date**

September 23 – October 14: Rise-N-Roll

September 27: Blue Gate Lunch and “Stolen” Play

October 31: Pig-in-the-Blanket Day

November 14: Author Ruth Price “No Stray Bullets”

December 6: Christmas Luncheon

### **Prime Timers – Shiphewana Trip**

Please be at church this Thursday, September 27 by 8:45 AM to leave for Shiphewana. We should be returning early evening. The cost is \$20/person. Please give your money to Ruth Kruithof. Any questions see Judi B. or Ruth K.

### **Open Bible Study**

Open Bible Study will begin on Sunday, October 7 following the evening service. Our fall kickoff will be held at the Branch this Friday, September 28 at 6:00 PM. New members are always welcome to join us. Please contact Mike and Marcia Ver Beek if you have any questions or would like more information about Open Bible Study.

### **Men’s Bible Study / Priscilla Circle**

Men’s Bible Study and Priscilla Circle will begin again in October. We will be continuing our study of 1 Corinthians. We will be starting with chapter 12.

### **Thrive**

Our Thrive kick-off will be this Saturday, September 29. Please meet at the Branch at 5 PM. Wear socks, shoes and active clothing. There will be food provided. Any questions please see Tom and Brenda or John and Heidi.

## **Safety Team Volunteer**

September 23 Larry Kruithof

September 30 Tim Bauman

## **Custodians**

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

September 22/23 Dan and Carrie Bosch

September 29/30 Justin and Jane DeJonge

## **Nursery**

### **September 23**

Morning Susan Jones, Tara Kruithof, Sophie Jones, Erika Kruithof

Evening Katie Brower, Jordan Redder, Mikayla Hoeve

### **September 30**

Morning Tanya Van Dyke, Barb Ver Beek, Kellie Brower, Ellie Duimstra

Evening Allison Kruithof, Pat Van Dam, Annika Kruithof

## **Children in Worship**

September 23 Stacy Engelsman, Julie Hoeve, Jacob Schout

September 30 Ken and Mindy Hulst, Mikayla Hoeve, Megyn Schout

## **Happy Birthday**

September 24 Kris Swieringa

September 27 Leslie Knoper, Jerry Rush, Mike Ver Beek

September 28 Arlene Dozeman (88)

## **Happy Anniversary**

September 23 Jerold & Carole Engelsman (51), Dave & Tobi Hoeker (12)

September 26 Ryan & Jackie Bosch (3) Andy & Kim Helder (3),  
Matt & Randi Prins (10)

September 27 Mitch & Gabby Brower (5), Dale & Isla Compagner (22)

September 28 Josh & Casey Schrottenboer (6)

September 29 Rog & Elaine Brower (59)

## **Continue to pray for...**

Pray for Gerene Compagner following her recent back surgery.

Pray for Bill Hill as he heals from his recent knee replacement surgery.

Keep Juella Van Dam in your prayers following her two recent surgeries. Pray for strength and healing for her. She is currently at Freedom Inn in Room 2110 and is open to having visitors.

Please keep Rebecca Hibma in your prayers in her current missionary work.

### **Please Pray For**

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

**Our Home Bound Members:** Carole Engelsman, Bob Lampen & Donna Lampen, Lavina Schipper, Shirley Van Omen and Arlyene Wolters

**College Students:** Marissa Compagner, Megan Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Andrew Flokstra, Jennie Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Shawn Kroll, Kacie Kruithof, Taylor Kruithof, Brandon Schreur, and Josie Zoerhof

### **Congregational Announcements**

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday school has begun! The kids will be dismissed from church immediately following the doxology. **Please make sure you do not exit your pew until all the kids have left the sanctuary.** They will go downstairs to have their snack and drink before joining together for Oakland's Kid's Choir. We ask that parents refrain from going downstairs to watch the kids sing, as this can be a distraction to them. Thank you!

#### **Household District Visits**

Household visits are being arranged for members in Dennis Bosch and Ken Hulst's districts. This year Pastor Vern will be visiting with families if they so choose. There are sign up sheets located in the narthex. Make sure you get your visit with Ken or Dennis scheduled soon.

#### **Oakland Oasis**

October 3 is quickly approaching and that means it's Oasis time! There will be sign up sheets located in the narthex soon. We are looking for people to help with serving, setting up, tear down, and clean up. Please sign up if you are able to help. We are also looking for some ideas for meals. If you have a favorite meal that we have done and would like to see again, or if you have an idea for a meal we haven't done that you would like us to do please contact Krista Schout.

#### **Call to Prayer**

Zeeland Classis is planning a Prayer Meeting at First CRC Zeeland this Thursday at 7 PM. Anyone who desires to pray together for the work of God in our classis is invited.

#### **Shindano Celebration**

The congregation is invited to a 6-month celebration party for the Shindano family. It will be this coming Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 PM at Terry and Shirley Dykstra's home. BBQ and drinks will be provided. If your last name starts with A-M we ask that you bring a salad to share, if your last name starts with N-Z we ask that you bring a dessert. In case of rain, the party will be held at the Branch. In addition to your dish to pass, please bring a bag of apples, any variety, to make apple cider. There is a sign up sheet located in the back of church. Please sign up if you plan on attending. We hope to see you there!

#### **Parents of College Students**

Please put your students name and address, and whether or not they are commuting, in the mailbox of Hazel Compagner by **today, September 23**. This will be a great help for me. Thank you.

#### **Rise-N-Roll Fundraiser**

The Prime Timers will be taking orders from the Rise-N-Roll bakery in Shipshewana, Indiana. Brochures and order forms are in your mailboxes today. Orders will be taken until Sunday, October 14. Payment must be made at the time you place your order. You may put your order and payment in Ruth Kruithof's mailbox.

#### **Branch Use**

If you plan on using the Branch for **anything that is not regularly scheduled**, meetings, gatherings, etc., you **need** to let Jordan know so it is not being double booked. We have recently had a few scheduling issues and we would like to avoid that. Thank you.

#### **World Renew Speaker**

Carol Bremer-Bennett from World Renew will be joining us on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> during our morning worship. She will be speaking on what is currently happening at World Renew. She will speak for a portion of the morning service, and then will speak during the Sunday school hour.

#### **Christmas Tree**

We are looking for a large artificial tree for the narthex. If you have one you would be willing to donate please see Jordan. Thank you.