



Rehoboth
Reformed
Church

"Winning People for Christ and Equipping Them to Serve."

A Rehoboth church filled with disciple-makers for Jesus, known and felt by our community as a place of spiritual renewal and grace.

JANUARY 18, 2026

Greetings, friends! We have come to worship the Lord of all. Let us be joyous as we eagerly "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). May God's loving presence fill us with love and kindness toward one another.

-ORDER OF SERVICE-

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship Songs

Good Good Father

He Knows My Name

It Is Well With My Soul

Dismiss Kids

Ministry of Music

Rich & Pam Smallegan - *Blessings*

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 137

Sermon

Mike Wissink

"The Heart of an Exile: Fake it til you make it?"

Prayer

Closing Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Blessing

Postlude

Would you learn more about what it means to be a part of Rehoboth?
Please reach out to our Connections Pastor Kathy Vana at kathy@rehoboth.church

-SCHEDULE-

TODAY

9 AM, Morning Prayer
9:30 AM, Worship Service
10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School
11 AM, Kids Church Dismissal
5 PM, Middle School Youth Group
6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 19

7 PM, Property Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

6 AM, Men's Life Group
8 AM, Praying the Vision at Reedy's
7 PM, Worship Practice

Wednesday, January 21

9:30 AM, Service Day, Leader: Karla D.
11 AM, CCHC, Home School Group
7 PM, Indoor Pickleball @MHS

Thursday, January 22

4:30 PM, Loaves & Fishes

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 25

Biggby Coffee Volunteer Appreciation!

9 AM, Morning Prayer
9:30 AM, Worship Service

Stahl Anniversary Cake!

10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School
11 AM, Kids Church Dismissal
5 PM, Middle School Youth Group
6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

Tuesday, January 27

6 AM, Men's Life Group
7 PM, Worship Practice

Wednesday, January 28

11 AM, CCHC, Home School Group
7 PM, Indoor Pickleball @MHS

Thursday, January 29

4:30 PM, Loaves & Fishes



Kids Church Dismissals: Kids Church classes will dismiss at 11 AM. Pickup is downstairs in the basement through the doors your kids went through during service. Toddler and nursery rooms will dismiss after service.

Kids Check-In: Don't forget to check-in your child(ren) upon arriving at church at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings! Here children will be registered, if they aren't already, and given name tags. Our name tags help the kids church volunteers learn names, they will include your phone number(s) to contact you during service if needed, and will even include any allergies your child(ren) may have.

Nursing Mothers: Downstairs in the toddler room there is a private nursing room for you to nurse. There is a TV installed in the nursing room so that you can watch and enjoy service in real time in the comfort of the private room. You are most welcome to use it whenever the need arises.

Kids Church Busy Bags: Parents, do you have little ones that just aren't ready to venture to kids church and leave you yet? Worried they won't be entertained during service? We have the answer! "Busy Bags" are now available at the check-in desk near the welcome center. Please help yourself and take home.

-LOAVES & FISHES-

Food Distribution

On Thursday, January 8 we served...

123 Total Households

377 Total People

Here at Rehoboth, we provide a bag of groceries for families in our community every Thursday 4:30 - 5:30 PM, which we call "Loaves & Fishes". In doing so we depend on help from volunteers like you. We need more volunteers to help pick up food from Feeding America, bag groceries, help load cars and check people in as they come through. If you think you could volunteer your time in any of these areas, please reach out to Sarah in the office. You can sign up as much or as little as you want, no pressure.

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

All Church Bible Study: God can fulfill his purpose in our lives at any time--He doesn't need to wait on the right circumstances. In this 6 part series, speaker and chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys, Jonathan Evans, encourages us to walk in God's purpose today and for the rest of our lives. Join us on RightNow Media! If you don't have any account yet, head to www.rehoboth.church/rightnowmedia to get started.

Praying the Vision! Everyone is welcome to join us at Reedy's on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH** at 8 AM for Praying the Vision--an opportunity to pray about where God is calling us as a church family in the new year! Coffee and treats provided. Come start your Tuesday with prayer and community!

Indoor Pickleball has started in the McBain Public Multiuse room! We will be going every Wednesday until March 4th. Pickleball is from 7 PM until 8:30 PM. If wrestling has a meet, then we can start at 6:30 PM. The dates for the early start are: **JANUARY 21, 28, FEBRUARY 18 & MARCH 4**. Questions? Ask Gary Vana.

Stahl Anniversary Cake! Come join us in celebrating the 65th Anniversary of Rich and Ruth Stahl on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH**. They will be sharing cake for us to enjoy during fellowship hour after service. Congratulations on your love story!

Biggby Coffee Volunteer Appreciation! We invite everyone the morning of **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH** to come and enjoy specialty coffee from Biggby!! We want to celebrate all those that volunteer here at church! Help us celebrate with a fancy cup-o-joe!

**You do not need to be a volunteer to enjoy 😊*

Roaring 20's: The Roaring 20's (our group for those in their 20s) will be meeting every other Wednesday at 6:30 PM at Rehoboth Reformed Church. Our next gathering is on Wednesday, January 28. Dinner will be provided as we start our study, Created to Commune by Rachel Joy. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and connection.

Love Your Neighbor Food Drive! Help us donate just in time for Valentine's day to spread a little love to our community. Rehoboth will collect donations from **JANUARY 31ST TO FEBRUARY 13TH** at the Welcome Center. **Items Needed**: Soup, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Stuffing Mix, Boxed Rice/Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles & Peanut Butter. Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Min. Bee's Wax Class! Ladies, you are invited to join us for a beewax class led by Rachel Potter! **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH** at 6 PM. More details to come!



Blood Drive: Come give blood at Rehoboth on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH** from 1 PM – 5:30 PM. The need for blood in our community is great and every part of your donation will help save up to 3 lives. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. Scan the QR code, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yfsaf9ze> OR call Sarah in the office for a time slot.



Adult Mission Trip! MARCH 28 - APRIL 4, 2026! There is an adult mission trip for ages 14 years and older, youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. This will support flood survivors in New Bern, NC. BE IN PRAYER! God uses people like you! Sign-up at the Welcome Center! Questions? Contact Holly Helsel or Sam DeKam.

***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST** following church there will be an informational meeting for people who have expressed interest in participating in the World Renew Mission Trip to New Bern, NC March 28 thru April 4. We will share information and gather your questions that will help with preparation for the trip. If you are interested in learning more please plan to attend this meeting. If you need more information before the meeting please reach out to Holly Helsel or Sam Dekam.

-COMMUNITY-

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: Please join the pro-life community across the nation in observing Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We mourn and pray for the hundreds of millions of innocent lives lost to abortion, the women harmed, and the families and communities forever impacted. Join us locally, as we commemorate the sanctity of life at the Northern Light Church, 115 Cobb Street in Cadillac **TODAY** at 2 PM. A brief memorial update will be given by Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life followed by an open microphone for those who would like to offer group prayer. Hot coffee, chocolate and homemade cookies will be served. Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life (231) 839-2583

Project Canefire: We are grateful to God and to all of you for your continued support in helping us build homes, dig fresh water wells, support students, start businesses and teach sewing classes in the Dominican Republic. This year, 21 volunteers will be headed to the Dominican Republic from Jan. 20 to Feb. 3. We covet your prayers for healthy bodies, safe travels to and from the DR and within the country, and the completion of the proposed projects for this year. Thank you so much.

Abide: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH at 6:30 PM. A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

-REHOBOTH YOUTH-

The youth account is low in funds. Even though there may appear to be money in the account, much of that (if not all) is accounted for in what parents have paid for their kids to go on the upcoming retreats. We, as deacons and as a church (based on our vision statement), want to support Jason's ministry that he does with the youth (i.e. "lattes with the ladies," "Fries with the fellas" with the guys, doughnuts, and whatever else he feels God calling him to do to reach out to the youth). You may have a lot of pop cans after this past holiday season. We would love it if you would consider blessing Jason's ministry in donating the pop cans you have lying around for this cause. - RRC Deacons



Retreat Treats! The Middle and High School Youth Groups will be going on their winter retreats soon! We are asking for donations of mini bottled waters, Gatorades and snacks (*please no chips*) to get them through. **For High School please have donations in by FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH & Middle School by SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.**

Looking for a Door! Jason is looking for a door with the frame attached for an upcoming lesson. If you have a door with a frame that he can borrow please reach out to him. Thank you!!

Mark Your Calendars!



The annual Youth Auction will be held here at Rehoboth on **SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**! Silent auction starts at 6 PM and the Live auction will begin at 7 PM! Come hungry as the youth will be preparing a taco bar! If you would like to donate items for sale for the auction please fill out a donation form that is provided in your mailbox, or extras can be found outside of Jason's office. Please be sure to fill out a form for your donations! This is a vital part of keeping us organized. Thank you!!

If you have any questions please reach out to Jason Scholten. Thank you!

-CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY-

December 16, 2025

Devotions and prayer were offered by Brent, sharing devotions entitled Higher Ground and The Big Ask, Exodus 3:1-10, reminding us to look for God's calling in our lives.

Financial Report: The deacons provided the November financial report, shared that the offering at the Thanksgiving Eve service designated for the Love Inc. ministry totaled 700.00, and that a new Life Group (20s Something) starting in January, 2026 will be given a budget of 500.00.

The Ministry Team Reports were reviewed by all members prior to the meeting and discussion followed as needed.

Ongoing Ministry/Business: A sincere Thank You to outgoing Elders and Deacons; Ken Gilde, Mark Scholten, Nathan Buning and Brent Whetstone. Welcome to Elders and Deacons; Greg Buning, Rick Kars, Holly Mulder and Cainen Gilde. Ministry Teams for 2026 were discussed, and this will be placed on the February agenda. Motions made supported and approved, for 2026 officers, as follows; Vice President; Mike Bosscher, Clerk; Greg Buning Treasurer; Chris DeKam, Assistant Treasurer; to be determined. Harvest Network Representatives; Barb Scholten and Pam Smallegan.

An update was given on the Pastoral Search Team members, motion made, supported and unanimously approved: Brent Whetstone, Bonnie Scripsema, Terry Pluger, Kait Reinink, Stacey Finstrom, Kendrick Smallegan, Bryan Meyering and Sam DeKam, with Elder/Deacon representatives; Troy Finstrom and Cainen Gilde.

New Business: The Parsonage Use Contract was discussed, motion made, supported and unanimously approved that the contract be renewed for 6 months, (June 30, 2026). Teresa Carrington has stepped down from the Lead Worshiper position, effective January 1, 2026. A sincere Thank you to Teresa for her service in this role. Pastor Kathy and Mike met with the Worship Team members, and they are in agreement to share duties as needed.

Other Business: Elder/Deacon Ordination and Installation will take place on January 4, 2026, with the Commissioning of the Pastoral Search Team. The Pastoral Profile was presented and open discussion followed. A motion was made, supported and unanimously approved that Pastor Ben act as an advisor to the Pastoral Search Team.

Mike closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes written by Barb Scholten – Clerk for Rehoboth Reformed Church

-PAST PRAYER CHAIN MESSAGES & UPDATES-

"Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer." ~ Psalm 4:1



1/13/26: Ron Dykgraaf went home to be with our Lord on 1/13. Please keep his wife Carol and Ron's entire family in your prayers during this difficult time. A funeral was held for Ron on 1/17 here at Rehoboth.

UPDATE 1/15/26: Praise God for answered prayer. **Linda Steenwyk's nephew, Jordan**, is now home after a better-than-expected healing process and an earlier return than anticipated. Please continue to pray that he is able to keep food down and for his ongoing recovery.

-KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS-

Keep in your prayers the members of our congregation who are in nursing or health care facilities, Dorothy Bazuin at Maple Ridge Living Center in Cadillac, Jeanette Derrick & Kay Hofstra at Curry House in Cadillac, Betty Meyering at Whispering Pines in Lake City, and Joan Sutton at Autumnwood in McBain.

Be in prayer for the following person(s), as they undergo treatment and receive on going care for cancer: Don Schepers, Mary Jo Blackmer, Pastor Dave McMahon and Colter Bailey.

2026 Consistory

Elders

Mike Bosscher
Doug Buning
Greg Buning
Troy Finstrom
Rick Kars
Barb Scholten

Deacons

Chris DeKam
Cainen Gilde
Tom Lutke
Holly Mulder
Brandon Reinink
Pam Smallegan