

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

God himself is with us! Let us now adore him! We welcome every worshiper today. May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts to praise the Lord. Praise to the Father! Praise to the Son! Praise to the Holy Spirit! God, three in One.

-ORDER OF SERVICE-

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship Time

Revelation Song

Come Thou Fount

Living Hope

Dismiss Kids

Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Rich Langton

"Jesus the Chaplain" - John 4

Prayer

Closing Song

Fill My Cup Lord

Blessing

Postlude

Our Connections Pastor would love to hear from you! Pastor Kathy Vana: kathy@rehoboth.church

-SCHEDULE-

TODAY

9 AM, Morning Prayer 9:30 AM, Worship Service Speaker: Pastor Rich Langton 10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School

5 PM, Middle School Group

6 PM, High School Youth Group

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 23

9:30 AM, Golden Girls Breakfast 1:30 PM, Esther Circle, Host: Lola S. 7 PM, Pricilla Circle, Leader: Sharon V. Host: Linda S.

Tuesday, September 24

1:30 PM, Dorcas Circle, Host: Pauline S. Lesson #11

7 PM, Worship Practice

Wednesday, September 25

11 AM, CCHC – Home School Group

Thursday, September 26

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Food Distribution

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 29

9 AM, Morning Prayer 9:30 AM, Worship Service Speaker: Pastor Kathy Vana

10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School

5 PM, Middle School Group

6 PM, High School Youth Group

6 PM, Elizabeth Circle, Leader: Pam S. Host: Deb R.

Tuesday, October 1

7 PM, Worship Practice

Wednesday, October 2

10:30 AM, Young at Heart Color Tour 11 AM, CCHC – Home School Group

Thursday, October 3

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Food Distribution

Out: Pastor Kathy, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

House of Prayer for the remainder of the year October 20, November 17, and December 8





<u>Kids Church Dismissals:</u> Kids Church classes, **Pre-K – 5**th **grade, will be dismissed at 11 AM**. Nursery and toddler classes will be dismissed when service is over. Thank you!

<u>Kids Check-In</u>: 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.

<u>Nursing Mothers</u>: 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.

<u>Kids Church Busy Bags</u>: 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.

TODAY: Kids practice on stage at the end of service

September 29: Kids Lead Worship

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

All Church Bible Study: When you're navigating uncharted territory, you need the right tools to do the job. Drawing from his extensive experience as a pastor and consultant, Tod Bolsinger brings decades of expertise in guiding churches and organizations through challenging circumstances. He offers a combination of illuminating insights and practical tools to help you reimagine what effective leadership looks like in our rapidly changing world. Join us at www.rehoboth.church/rightnowmedia to watch this study.

<u>Calling All Gardeners</u>! If you have any excess produce growing in your garden this year consider donating it to our food distribution here at church [⊕] Please have donations dropped off here at church any Thursday by 2 PM. Thank you!!

<u>Seek the Lord Prayer Challenge</u>: On Sunday, September 1st, we began the next portion of our year-long Seek the Lord Prayer challenge. If you have not yet received your copy of the book, Pray the Word: 90 Prayers That Touch The Heart of God, there are additional copies available on the Prayer Resource table. Please pick up a copy for yourself and share them with friends and family that would love to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ and more fully see God's presence at work in their lives. We have several additional copies if you would like to share them. Also, you can refer to the Weekly Prayer Focus each Sunday if you need help getting/staying on track.

Adult Sunday School: The longest running life group at Rehoboth, the Adult Sunday School Class, will begin meeting **TODAY** for the fall season. We meet each week after church in the Assembly Room from 10:50 AM to 11:30 AM. We will be studying the key men and women God used to herald the birth of Christ. We require no homework, just your presence to enhance the discussion of the class...all are welcome! Questions...call Dean Smallegan at 231-920-5439.

<u>Golden Girls Breakfast</u>: The next meeting is scheduled for **TOMORROW** at 9:30 AM at Big Boy in Cadillac. Please sing-up at the welcome center if you plan on joining!

<u>See You At The Pole Gathering</u>: On WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH youth group students are invited to come gather at the flag pole at the football field for a student led prayer to lift up other students before school starts. High School will meet at 7:40 AM with hot chocolate and donuts provided. Middle School will meet at lunch 10:45 AM with a treat provided.

<u>Priscilla Circle</u>: We will be meeting on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**RD at 7 PM at Linda Smith's starting a 4 session study titled "Living Life Together." Study materials will be provided at the meeting. All are welcome.

Blood Drive: Come give blood at Rehoboth on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**TH between 1 PM and 5:30 PM. The need for blood in our community is great right now, and every single part of your donation will stay here and will help save up to 3 lives. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended so you have less wait time. To sign-up scan the QR code OR visit https://tinyurl.com/5n783ha8



October Young at Heart: Please join us on our color tour on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND at 10:30 AM, with lunch to follow at a local restaurant. We will be meting our bus at Baker College (back parking lot). More details to follow. Sign-up at the welcome center!

Amazing Race: The Fellowship Team is excited to invite you to join us for our next adventure. On **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**TH at 5:30 PM we will be hosting the Amazing Race here at church. You will need to come that night with a tank full of gas, a team to ride with or be ready to join a team, your running shoes, and clothes for the weather. Food will be served when we are finished so come out and join us for the fun! Any questions, please talk to Jason Scholten or Pastor Kathy.

<u>Media Team</u>: Do you have the gift of technology and want to serve behind the scenes during worship services? We're looking for people to help run the sound board and advance slides. Training provided! If you're interested in more information, email worship@rehoboth.church.

-COMMUNITY-

The Women's Philharmonic Chorus will begin practicing Saturdays starting SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH from 4:30 PM – 6 PM at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church on M - 55. We will practice every Saturday until our programs on December 7, 8 & 9. If you are a soprano or alto and would like to join a group for this holiday season, we would love to have you. Please contact director Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com or text or call 231-330-0894 if you have any questions.

<u>Vogel Center Harvest Party!</u> We are excited to offer a FREE fall event to our community again! Join us on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**TH, between 12 PM - 4 PM. We will have hay rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, pumpkins, games, multiple bounce houses and inflatable@ We will also have FREE food available during the event including hot dogs, chips, donuts, cookies, popcorn and fall drinks.

-CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY-

August 13, 2024

Devotions and prayer were offered by Ken, reading "Small Gestures of Kindness" an excellent reminder of how small things we do for others, displays our love for Jesus and through us brings the Kingdom of Heaven to earth.

Elders Meeting Report was given by Mark Scholten – As in our meetings with Pastor Gary Jarvis, Rehoboth Praise reports will be a part of the Consistory agenda for all future meetings.

Financial Report: Tom Lutke gave a report of the current financial status and this will be placed in the bulletin. Monetary assistance requests have been coming in and each are being prayerfully considered and processed.

The Ministry Team\Praise Reports were reviewed: Many Pastoral Care\Care Team visits are being completed by Pastor Kathy and Care Team members. A Hot Dog Roast will be held on August 15, for our Food Distribution families. The Worship Team members present reported that the MultiTracks system is here and being utilized, a great amount of time has been spent learning the system and they continue to request prayers and support during this period of transition.

An extended time was spent on a few security issues, a Fire Drill will be held August 25, a safety emergency button for improved safety was given to the Security and Property Teams, to consider and report back to Consistory.

The Elder/Deacon nomination timeline was reviewed and agreed upon. We entered into an extended time of prayer, prior to the discussion of what we are hearing from the Lord about the next steps for Rehoboth. After prayer and excellent discussion, a motion was made supported and unanimously approved, that we will move forward to seek a Transitional Pastor for Rehoboth Reformed Church.

Mark closed the meeting with prayer at 9:55 pm

Minutes written by Barb Scholten – Clerk for Rehoboth Reformed Church

-WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS-

Pray the Word: 90 Prayers That Touch the Heart of God

Sunday, Sept. 22 – Day 22...You Are Great, O God Monday, Sept. 23 – Day 23...Dead To Sin Tuesday, Sept. 24 – Day 24...Father, You Are Faithful Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Day 25...Teach Me to Pray Thursday, Sept. 26 – Day 26...Resurrection Life Friday, Sept. 27 – Day 27...Reveal the Hidden Things Saturday, Sept. 28 – Day 28...Teach Me to Love

-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, Margaret Elenbaas at Quiet Creek in Falmouth, Jeanette Derrick & Kay Hofstra at Curry House in Cadillac and Betty Meyering at Whispering Pines in Lake City.

Be in prayer for the following person(s), as they undergo treatment and receive on going care for cancer: Don Schepers

-PRAYER CHAIN CALLS & UPDATES-

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16

<u>8/28/2024</u>: Please pray for **Adam Gilde**, son of Dave and JoAnn Gilde. He is an inpatient at Munson in Traverse City, being treated for a double lung infection. He is on a ventilator and needs the medicines to begin to work TODAY, 8/28. Please pray for this and that the Holy Spirit would work within his body and the Great Physician would heal him. **UPDATE 8/30**: Adam has been transported from Traverse City to the ICU unit at the U of M in Ann Arbor. **UPDATE 9/3**: Doctors at the U of M hospital are trying to take Adam off the medications and vent today. Please pray that Adam's body reacts positively to these changes and that the Lord grants him the healing he is in need of today. **UPDATE 9/6**: Adam is off the vent now and hospital staff is working hard to help him regain all of his faculties. The family is thankful for his progress and for your continued prayers. **UPDATE 9/17**: Adam is now at Mary Free Bed. UPDATE 9/19: Adam went home 9/18. The family is rejoicing and praising God for His blessings! Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for Adam's recovery.

<u>9/6/2024</u>: We are asking for continued prayers today for **Phyllis VanderVlucht** as she is now recovering at Quiet Creek in Falmouth from her ankle surgery. Once she can walk again, it will be determined if and when she can return home. Please pray for a smooth

recovery for Phyllis and a great experience for her at Quiet Creek as she visits with others and receives excellent care from the staff there. **UPDATE 9/17**: Phyllis is able to use a walker now with a boot. Hopefully by 9/20 she will be able to walk with a cane.

<u>9/9/2024</u>: Please be in prayer for **Karen Schaaf**, daughter of Jeanette Derrick and sister to Nancy Thompson. After having a really bad headache on 9/7, Karen was taken to the hospital in Grand Rapids on 9/8 and was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm. Doctors are still not sure where the bleeding is coming from and are hoping to do an MRI on 9/9. Please be in prayer for Karen and her family during this difficult time for them. **UPDATE 9/11**: Doctors have found the brain bleed and have been able to get it to stop. They are still concerned about complications so they will be monitoring her closely. There will be a long road to recovery ahead. Please be in prayer for their entire family as they wait upon the Lord in His tender mercy. **UPDATE 9/17**: Karen remains in the ICU, her condition is stable but serious. Doctors are concerned over another brain bleed occurring, so they are monitoring her closely.

<u>9/16/2024</u>: **Barb Hoekwater** is back in the hospital in Cadillac struggling with some heart issues. She is hoping to be released later this week to move to Whispering Pines Senior Living near Lake City. **UPDATE 9/19**: Barb was moved to Whispering Pines on 9/18. She is in Room 202B. Thank you to those who helped move her to her new home. Please pray for her as she adjusts to being there as it has been tumultuous time for her between hospital stays and nursing homes.

<u>9/16/2024</u>: Gloria Scholten's twin brother, **Greg Smith** was struck by a vehicle on 9/13 while working in road construction and was killed. The funeral arrangements are pending and we will let you know more as details become available. Please be in prayer for their entire family as they support Greg's family in this difficult time and grieve Greg's death. UPDATE 9/17: A funeral was held for Greg on 9/21 in Farwell MI.

9/17/2024: *** Please see Health Update Letter from **Don Schepers** at the Bulletin table if you did not get a copy via email.***

-CARD SHOWER-

Let's shower Adam Gilde & Karen Schaaf with love in a form of a card!

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