



“Winning People for Christ and Equipping Them to Serve.”

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Friends! As we approach our loving Creator with love and reverence, may we experience a bit of the happiness of heaven and be open to the showers of blessings that God is able to bestow on us all. Welcome, brothers and sisters.

-ORDER OF SERVICE-

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship Songs

Goodbye Yesterday

I Will Follow

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Dismiss Kids

Kids Hope Update

Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Ingebretson

“First Impressions” - Mark 1:9-20; 29-34

Prayer

Closing Song

Trust In God

Blessing

Postlude

Our Connections Pastor would love to hear from you!

Pastor Kathy Vana: kathy@rehoboth.church

-SCHEDULE-

TODAY

Ballots Due!

9 AM, Morning Prayer

9:05 AM, Hymn Sing

9:30 AM, Worship Service

10:30 AM, Fall Kick-Off!

6 PM, Youth Color War

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 9

6 AM, Men's Life Group

7 PM, Worship Practice

4:30 PM, Staff Meeting

6 PM, Elder Meeting

7 PM, Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

11 AM, CCHC – Homeschool Group

Thursday, September 11

4:30 PM, Loaves & Fishes – *Food Dist.*

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 14

9 AM, Morning Prayer

9:30 AM, Worship Service

Communion

Building Fund Offering

5 PM, Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

Monday, September 15

12 PM, Golden Girls @ Big Boy

6:30 PM, Prayer Alliance @ CCRC

7 PM, Property Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

6 AM, Men's Life Group

7 PM, Worship Practice

Wednesday, September 17

9:30 AM, Service Day, Leader: Hankie T.

11 AM, CCHC – Homeschool Group

Thursday, September 18

4:30 PM, Loaves & Fishes – *Food Dist.*

-LOAVES & FISHES-

Food Distribution

On Thursday, August 21 we served...

129 Total Households

406 Total People



Kids Church Dismissals: ALL Kids Church classes will dismiss at the end of service, we will resume our 11 AM dismissal again on Sunday, September 7th.

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.

-PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE-

Our youth leader, **Jason Scholten**, is in the process of becoming ordained through an organization called Coram Deo. Please keep him in your prayers as he walks through this process. If you feel led to support his ordination process financially, you can place a check in the offering baskets with "*People Helping People-Jason Scholten*" in the memo line and the deacons will make sure Jason receives it. Thank you for your prayers and support!

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The Art of Neighboring: What comes to mind when you think about your neighbors? Maybe you don't know them very well or, if you're honest, maybe you think the lady across the street is a bit weird. For many of us, it can be tempting to keep our distance and mind our own business in our neighborhood. But is that really how God wants us to live? As followers of Jesus, we've been called to love both God and our neighbors. Join us on RightNow Media through the month of September for a short series called "The Art of Neighboring." It's free to create an account and watch. Get started at <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/rehobothchurch>.

Fall Kickoff: **TODAY** we'll celebrate our Fall Kickoff immediately following the morning service. Kids Ministry will be hosting a fun event with inflatables, sidewalk chalk, and special giveaways for the kids. Lunch will include pulled pork nachos (from L & J's!) and (hopefully if it's still available) delicious Bosscher sweet corn, prepared fresh and served outside. This is a great opportunity to gather as a church family, enjoy fellowship, and kick off the new ministry season together. Bring your appetite, your family, and your friends—it's going to be a fun and meaningful start to the fall!

Youth Group Color War: All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to start the Youth Group year with a Color War at church **TODAY** from 6 PM – 7:30/8 PM. Wear a white t-shirt and bring a change of clothes for afterward. When we're done with the color war we'll have brats and hot dogs. *Parents, we'd love for you to stay during the Color War or come back a little early to grab a hot dog, meet our leaders, and spend some time with everyone. Our goal is not just to run events but to walk alongside your family—hearing your stories, answering questions, and encouraging you however we can.

Golden Girls Lunch Outing: All widows are invited to join us for a special time of fellowship and encouragement at our next Golden Girls lunch outing. We'll be meeting at Big Boy in Cadillac on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH** at 12 PM. Please sign up at the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kathy.

Service Day! The first fall meeting of the Service Day ladies will be on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**. We would like to encourage more ladies to step-up and join. The group present finishes the quilt tops that we have on hand. We need more quilt tops to be sewn, even if the meeting together doesn't work for you, and you sew, please give that consideration. We'd welcome anyone to join us for it's another way to contribute to the Lord's work, and it's enjoyable having fellowship with others. Questions? Contact Mary Buning at Imbuning@outlook.com OR Mary Jo Blackmer blackmer@charter.net

Mission Conference Apparel Fundraiser! The store is now open until **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH** and items can be shipped or they will be available for pick up at church on Sunday, October 12th. Don't miss out on the chance to support the mission conference and get some new Rehoboth swag! <https://tinyurl.com/9wwmr79a>



Praise Meeting! There will be a short meeting after the service on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST** for ALL praise band members, including Sound Booth, Propresenters, and Live Stream volunteers. Please join us after the service in the sanctuary (after you get your coffee/juice and snack). Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE Young at Heart: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH! More info to come.

Life Group Fall Sign Ups: We have 4 Life Group options for you to consider this fall. One of them, led by Dean Smallegan, will be meeting after church on Sunday mornings. They will be taking a look at the Heidelberg Catechism. All ages are welcome! We have a men's group led by Troy Finstrom that meets EARLY on Tuesday mornings. If you're an early riser, this is a great group to join! Karla DeZeeuw leads a women's group. This fall, Rich & Pam Smallegan and Bernie & Linda Steenwyk are starting a new group. They will decide on times, dates, and what to study after they meet for the first time to figure out what's the best fit for their group. Sign up at the Connections table or talk to Pastor Kathy if you have any questions.

Calling all Gardeners! If you have any extra produce in your garden this season consider donating it to Loaves & Fishes here at church! With your help we would love to help feed our community!

Christmas Marketplace: After 15 years of holding the Christmas Marketplace, we have been thinking about if we should continue with this fundraiser. The number of craft



shows in our area have increased and attendance to ours seems to have decreased. We do have vendors but not a lot of sales. We are looking for ideas for the Rehoboth women to raise money. Our projects have always gone to local struggling families or local organizations. The last 2-3 years we raised approx. \$3k. Please let us know any thoughts or ideas. Could we combine the cookie walk/bake sale, our largest money maker, with something else to raise money? Thanks, Vickie B. (231) 825-2984 & JoAnn G. (231) 878-5264.

Save The Date! 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! More information coming soon.

-COMMUNITY-

Special Music! Vogel Center CRC's evening worship service on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH** will feature special music from Jim Visser, starting at 6 PM. Please join us for an uplifting evening of worship and fellowship.

Words of Hope 80th Celebration! **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH** 6 PM – 6 PM at The Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Dr., Hudsonville, MI. Plated dinner provided, select entrée upon RSVP. Please RSVP by September 12th at 80years.woh.org or 616-459-6181. Questions contact katherine@woh.org

Facility Director Open Position: The Facility Director for Lake City CRC is retiring, and we are seeking a person who has a passion to oversee and provide for the maintenance and custodial operations of our church facility. The Facility Director is a part-time, salaried, non-exempt employee normally working 16 hours per week. The position description is available at www.lakecitycrc.org and is also available in the church office. Resumes/applications will be received through September 30, 2025, and may be emailed to Jan Mason at jlrmason@gmail.com or office@lakecitycrc.org or mailed to Lake City CRC, P.O. Box 659, Lake City MI 49651.

-UPDATE FROM CONSISTORY-

The Consistory would like to thank you for your patience as we've been prayerfully working on Rehoboth's Vision. Since the beginning of the year, we've been on a journey—holding listening sessions, focus groups, and engaging with our community. All of this input has now been prayerfully woven together into a Vision for our future.

On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**, we look forward to sharing this work with you during our morning worship service, where we will also celebrate Communion together. We invite you to come with open hearts, ready to hear from our Vision Team and to seek God's leading for what lies ahead.

-NOMINATIONS-

It's that time of year again! Please prayerfully consider and then nominate 2 Elders and 2 Deacons to serve as spiritual leaders for the next 3 years. You can find letters & ballots at either of the bulletin tables OR in the weekly newsletter. You can also submit an online ballot at <https://tinyurl.com/34y8a4dz> or scan the QR code. The deadline is **TODAY!** *Please return ballots at the Welcome Center.*



-PAST PRAYER CHAIN MESSAGES & UPDATES-

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise."

~ Jeremiah 17:14

UPDATE 8/25: Donna Maynard is now home recovering. She continues on her antibiotic medication and receiving home visits to treat her wound. Thank you for your continued prayers for complete healing! **UPDATE 8/28:** Donna just left her home by ambulance, complaining of abdominal pain. Please pray that they are able to find some answers for Donna. **UPDATE 8/29:** Donna has returned home. She has some urinary and bowel obstructions so doctors are working at helping her get comfortable. **UPDATE 9/3:** Donna had an urologist appointment and a home nurse appointment 9/3. She continues to need our prayers for healing and her strength to increase.

UPDATE 8/30: Colter Bailey's scan showed no signs of Disease!!! Praise God!! The original tumor and the ones on his Sacrum are UNDETECTABLE!! Colter will still complete the rest of the standard treatment. They need to make sure he continues to stay NED! So join us in praising GOD and praying yet for the additional treatment!

8/27/25: Please pray for **Ben Steenwyk** (96), father of Bernie Steenwyk. On 8/26 he fell and broke his hip. He was transferred to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and underwent surgery. Ben loves the Lord and is ready to be at home with Him, but the family is asking for God's will to be done in his life. Please pray for Ben, and also for Bernie & Linda, along with all of Ben's children & grandchildren, as they entrust their dad into the Lord's loving care. **UPDATE 8/28:** We're thankful to share with you that Ben did have surgery on 8/28 and everything went well! **UPDATE 8/29:** Ben is doing well. He has minimal pain and doctors are hoping to get him up and walking.

UPDATE 9/3: Joyce Potter fell on 8/28 and broke 3 ribs, prayers are needed for continued healing.

9/3/25: We received a prayer request from **Brittany Meekhof for her friend Dianna**. James (Dianna's Husband) has been without Trikafta for a week now (his life saving medicine) due to it not being shipped on time. He has a CF exacerbation. He needs prayers for strength, for him to get his medicine soon. Pray for God to keep Rennetta and Dianna safe while he is gone in the hospital to receive treatment and that Dianna will be able to find reliable care for Rennetta for all the days she is working.

-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 & Colter Bailey.

-CARD SHOWER-

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-BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS-

Successful Donations: 11

First Time Donors: 2

Lives saved in our community: 33

Congratulations to Gregory O. on donating 3 gallons!

Thank you for hosting a blood drive and making a meaningful impact on our community. Your generosity and effort help save lives and inspire others to give back! We really appreciate your dedication to our community hospitals.

Thank you - Versiti