

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
Psalm 42



February Niekerk News 2026

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~~Newsletter~~ **DEADLine**

For the
March Niekerk News is:
February 15, 2025

Gifts for Visitors

Just a reminder, there are gift bags and folders that can be handed to our visitors



***Phonebooks can be
found by the
Information Center
magazine rack.***



A Time for Prayer

I Thessalonians 3:11-13

May God himself; our Father, and our Lord Jesus make it possible for us to come to you very soon. And may the Lord make your love grow and overflow to each other and to everyone else, just as our love overflows toward you. As a result, Christ will make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy when you stand before God our Father on that day when our Lord Jesus comes with all those who belong to him.

It had only been three weeks. Paul and Silas entered the city and proclaimed the good news about Jesus. People received their message and their lives were changed. Then, opposition arose. It wasn't safe for Paul and Silas to stay in Thessalonica. The new believers sent them away at night in order to protect them.

Paul could not be with this new fellowship of Christians. But Paul could pray for them and that's what he did. It's clear from his first letter to the church there that Paul's prayer arose out of the crisis of opposition. It was motivated by his growing love for them and a clear understanding that God answers prayer. Prayers go where we cannot.

Paul prayed that he could see them again and that their love for each other would grow deeper. He most likely was able to visit them on his third missionary journey. The increase of their love for which Paul prayed also took place. In 2 Thessalonians 1:3, we read, "We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing."

It is through prayer for others – prayers of intercession – that love is increased. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer hate or condemn a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face that before may have been intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner. This is a happy discovery for the Christian who begins to pray for others. There is no dislike, no personal tension, no estrangement that cannot be overcome by intercession as far as our side of it is concerned."

How's your prayer life? Like the Apostle Paul years ago, God has given us good reason to pray. He fills us with compassion to intercede for our brothers and sisters in Christ. He's given His Word to direct our prayers and He's sent the Holy Spirit to empower and guide us in prayer. If we're so equipped, who is to blame if we remain prayerless? Let's be faithful in praying for each other more and more.

The goal of such faithful prayer is expressed in verse 13: "As a result, Christ will make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy when you stand before God our Father on that day when our Lord Jesus comes with all those who belong to him."

Pastor John

Total Budgeted YTD Receipts	\$ 667,023.00
Total Actual YTD Receipts	\$ 628,527.56
Over(Under) Budget	\$ (38,495.44)

December 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND:	BALANCE
2025 Beginning Balance	\$487,979.33
Monthly Budget Amount Required	\$47,218.92
This Month Envelopes Receipts	\$58,468.53
Year to Date Budget Envelopes	\$508,618.47
Over Budget Receipts	\$5,000.00
Interest	\$22,263.34
Facilities Rental Income	\$50.00
Total Receipts	\$535,931.81
This Month Disbursements	\$35,305.79
Year to Date Disbursements	\$504,775.73
Fund Balance	\$519,135.41

EVANGELISM FUND:	BALANCE
2025 Beginning Balance	\$10,243.33
Monthly Budget Amount Required	\$4,125.00
YTD Receipts from Envelopes	\$44,371.30
YTD Over Budget Receipts	\$2,100.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$46,471.30
YTD Disbursements	\$46,834.60
Allocated Not Paid	\$0.00
Fund Balance	\$9,880.03

BUILDING RENOVATIONS FUND	BALANCE
2025 Beginning Balance	\$87,966.15
Monthly Budget Amount Required	\$3,750.00
YTD Envelope Receipts	\$40,624.45
YTD Over Budget Receipts	\$5,500.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$46,124.45
YTD Disbursements	\$29,351.62
Fund Balance	\$104,738.98

CHURCH BUDGET	ACTUAL DOLLARS	BUDGETED DOLLARS	INCOME VARIANCE
Receipts	628,527.56	667,023.00	(38,495.44)
Disbursements	580,961.95	667,023.00	86,061.05
Allocated Not Paid	0.00		
Spendable Income	47,565.61		47,565.61

SPECIAL FUND:	BALANCE
2025 Beginning Balance	0.00
This Month Special Fund	20,518.45
Year To Date Special Fund	220,852.18
This Month Disbursements	20,818.45
Year To Date Disbursements	220,852.18

Fund Balance	0.00
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MISCELLANEOUS FUND:	BALANCE
2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 46,334.39

Current Fund Balances:	
Niekerk Tuition Fund	11,178.76
Hockey Rock	2,464.54
Niekerk Christian Ed Fund	0.00
Hand 2 Hand Ministries	13,973.79
Community Impact	1,846.62
Health Pantry	2,338.51
Family Mission Trip Fund	6,965.84

Fund Balance	\$ 38,768.06
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Cash Balances	
Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2025	\$ 632,923.20
Ending Balance as of 12/31/25	\$ 672,522.48

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026, at 7:30 PM

Growing in Christ and Making Him Known

01. Devotions and Opening Prayer: Carl Helder read from John 13 and 1 Corinthians and opened with prayer.
02. Council Minutes of December 1, 2025. Approved as written.
03. Elders'/Admin Meeting Summary: Carl Helder
 - a. Carl opened with devotions and read from Colossians 2.
 - b. Approved the receiving and dropping of memberships to the Shepherding Team. The Shepherding team will approve any new membership changes going forward.
 - c. Received a letter from the CRC to complete a survey about how we feel about the denomination. Each Elder will look at the survey and work on a response for this survey
 - d. Interim Pastor report. Need to make a point of meeting visitors. Discussed the amount of time he will visit the shut-ins.
 - e. Elders still meeting programs within our church, this will be completed within the next few weeks.
04. Search Team Update: Dave Helder. There is a candidate that Chemistry Staffing would like Niekerk's Search Team to discuss. The Search Team plans to meet with him shortly.
05. Deacons' Meeting Summary as provided by Bryan Van Dyke.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Dale Walters.

- a. Review of December 1st Deacon's Meeting Minutes.
- b. Loose Offering Collections & Schedule:

December offerings confirmed:

December 7	Benevolent Fund	\$3,188
December 14	Holland Deacons' Conference	\$1,877
December 21	Multiplication Network	\$1,257
December 25	Bravo CRC	\$923
December 28	Special Education of Holland	\$1,122

- c. February Offerings Scheduled as Follows:
 - February 1 CAMO (Central American Medical Outreach)
 - February 8 GEMS International
 - February 15 World Renew
 - February 22 JCBT (Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation)

d. December Balance Summary	
Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$1,961.64
How Many Disbursements	0
What Amounts?	0
How Many Deposits?	2
For What Amount	\$9,261.45
December Ending Benevolent Fund Balance	\$11,223.09

- e. Do we have any known benevolent needs inside the congregation? Discussed existing known benevolent needs and one new potential need that we will be reaching out to in order to see if financial assistance would be helpful at this time.

- f. Do we have any known Benevolent needs outside of the congregation? Jon Boeve updated the Deacons about a family that he recently discovered is under financial stress and we will see if there is a way we can be of assistance in the coming months.
- g. Niekerk Family Mission Trip Fund. The 2026 Niekerk Family Mission Trip. Joe Texer plans to run a bulletin announcement sometime in February about allowing members to start signing up for this trip. Presently, we have \$6,500 in funds earmarked for this trip. Depending on the number of members that signup for this, we could evaluate if a loose offering would be necessary to support the cost of the trip.
- h. Open Discussion, Correspondence & Other Items
Proposal received from Verna Jansen & Linda Nyhof to allow for displays to be setup in church promoting upcoming walk events for CROP Walk, Positive Options, and Right to Life. This proposal was approved.

Closing Prayer by Bryan Van Dyke
Meeting Adjourned.

06. Pulpit Supply Schedule provided by Randy Hoogewind (*Subject to Change)

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Evening Worship</u>
January 11	John Nyitray	Tom Pettinga
January 18	John Nyitray	Duane Terpstra
January 25	Leighton Seys	Cal Compagner
February 1	Ren Brookhuizen	Duane Terpstra
February 8	Joel VandeWeerken	Cal Compagner
February 15	Ren Brookhuizen	Al Petroelje
February 22	John Nyitray	Duane Terpstra
March 1	John Nyitray	Jim Dykstra

*Working on pulpit supply after April 5, 2026.

07. Shepherding team Minutes from December 15 provided by Pastor Nyitray

- a. Brief discussion on the letters that went out to non-attending members.
- b. Motion to accept the leaving of the fellowship of Niekerk to join with Family Church: Shane & Rachel Plaggemars, Steve & Lori Klaasen and Jake Leenstra

08. Next Communions: February 1 with Pastor Ren Brookhuizen and April 5.

09. Nomination process:

- a. Randy acknowledged and expressed a thank you to the outgoing Councilmen.
- b. Discussed positions that may be open and the transitions that may happen.
- c. Spent considerable time in discussion for the nominations of Elder and Deacon. Completed the list of nominations and letters will be sent to those who were nominated.
- d. Casting of lots will be on March 8, 2026, at the morning service.
- e. Installation will be April 22 by Pastor John.
- f. Super Council meeting scheduled for April 13.

10. Council had a time of mutual censure where a time of praise and encouragement was shared for Niekerk and its members.

11. Next meeting, February 2, 2026, at 7:30pm.

12. The meeting was adjourned.

13. Closing prayer: Jon Boeve

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Zeb Driscoll	Cody Kragt	Jack Bosch Nancy Bosch	Jan Bosch		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Heidi Roelofs		Holly Riemersma Carol Venema Maryann Wagenveld	Kathie Helder Kris Roelofs Carol Keen Michael Haan	Jan Hop		Steve Slenk
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Brad Heeres	Bob Steenwyk	Loie Sneller			Mike Venema	Shirley Bosch Brynley Texer
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Curt Brower Terry Bosch	Cole Texer Jim Means	Lou Wagenveld	Tim Leep		Jim Snay	29 Joyce Dalman



FEBRUARY

2-1 AM	Lindsey Haan Sue Hoekstra
PM	Lisa Kragt Trisha Texer
2-8 AM	Deb Haan Margaret Timmer
PM	Dawn Folkert Dana Hondred
2-15 AM	Emma Texer Melinda Kryger
PM	Deb Slenk Kathie Helder
2-22 AM	Carol Venema Linda Timmer
PM	Kaylin Van Dyke Kim Walters

March

3-1 AM	Sara Heeres Kathi Petroelje
PM	Laura VanderZwaag Sandy Van Dyke
3-8 AM	Lisa Kragt Trisha Texer
PM	Jenn Schierbeek Sue Hoekstra
3-15 AM	Pat Texer Abby Helder
PM	Jessica Schutter Lindsey Haan
3-22 AM	Margaret Timmer Dana Hondred
PM	Kris Roelofs Deb Haan
3-29 AM	Dawn Folkert Kathie Helder
PM	Melinda Kryger Deb Slenk

Nursery Volunteers: Remember to find your own replacement if you are unable to volunteer. Contact Kaylin Van Dyke with any concerns.



February Thank You Notes

Thank you for the Christmas cards, calls, carolers and goodies! I thank God for good health, friends and family, and for many years that He has given me, and for family and friends all year long.

Ida Janssen

Thank you for the many Christmas cards, goodies, carolers and calls during the holiday season.

Jerene Janssen

A Prayer Request

Dear Niekerk family,

This is a request for prayer. God willing, we are planning to leave for India on February 11 for three months. Please pray for our safe travel and stay in India. Mohan will continue to teach and we will be involved in seminary life helping out wherever we can.

Pray for good health for us. We are thankful that Judy is becoming stronger, but please pray for God's healing touch for going to India.

Thank you,
Mohan & Judy Chacko



February

Lost & Found

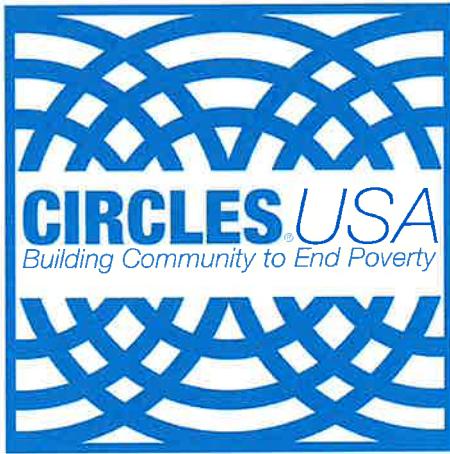
Miscellaneous jewelry & buttons
Mira black tumbler
Carhartt sage green stocking cap
Meijer yellow bag with books

Items can be picked up in the office under the elder and deacon mailboxes



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February & March DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- February 1 HS Youth Group
- February 2 Council Meeting
- February 4 Wednesday Night at Niekerk
- February 6 Hand2Hand Packing
- February 6-7 Ladies Craft Weekend
- February 8 GEMS Sunday
- February 13 Hand2Hand Packing
- February 15 HS Youth Group
- February 18 Wednesday Night at Niekerk
- February 21 Cornhole Tournament
- February 25 Cadets & GEMS Pinewood Derby
- February 26 Hand2Hand Packing
- February 27 Monthly Prayer Gathering
- February 28 Youth Group Event
- March 1 HS Youth Group
- March 2 Council Meeting
- March 5 Men's Bible Study
- March 6 Hand2Hand Ministries
- March 12 Men's Bible Study
- March 13 Hand2Hand Ministries
- March 15 HS Youth Group
- March 21 MS Youth Group
- March 26 Men's Bible Study
- March 27 Monthly Prayer Gathering

2025 HISTORICAL FACTS

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church

Births

VanderZwaag, Declan Lee August 10, 2025
Son of Ken & Laura VanderZwaag

Baptism

Maas, Cohen Cruze	January 12, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray
Son of Matthew & Morgan Maas		
Tase, Paul Daniel	September 7, 2025	Dr. Paul Mpindi
Son of Jerry & Sarah Tase		
VanderZwaag, Declan Lee	October 5, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray
Son of Ken & Laura VanderZwaag		

Re-affirmation of Faith

Gale, Delia January 19, 2025 Pastor John Nyitray

Deaths

DeWeerd, Verna	February 13, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray
Eisen, Bob	April 12, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray
Petroelje, Connie	May 3, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray & Pastor Benj Petroelje
Prins, Cliff	July 13, 2025	Private Ceremony
Alofs, Wayne	August 3, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray & Pastor Tom Pettinga
Holmes, Pam	October 3, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray & Pastor Jason Pierce
Scholten, Leona	December 23, 2025	Pastor John Nyitray

Transfer In

Tase, Jeremiah & Sarah June 2 Council Notes
Children: Aden & Paul
From: Calvary Christian Reformed Church, Lowell, Michigan

Transfer Out

Louwerse, Brenen & Becca November 9, 2025, Bulletin
To: Overisel Reformed Church, Hamilton, Michigan

Marriages

Venema, Trent and Mandie Compagner	Friday, May 30, 2025
Oakland Christian Reformed Church, Hamilton, Michigan	
Officiated by Pastor VanderZande	
Helder, Andrew & Makenna Ramsey	Saturday, June 21, 2025
At: Inisfree Estate, Pullman, Michigan	
Officiated by Pastor Steve Spitters	
Van Harn, Nathan & Kendra Koopman	Saturday, June 28, 2025
At: Niekerk Christian Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan	
Officiated by Pastor John Nyitray	
White, Steve & Jamie Brower	Saturday, October 25, 2025
At: Townsend Park, Rockford, Michigan	
Officiated by Pastor Scott White	



CHURCH SECURITY

February

February 1 Ric Lucas
Mike Schutter
PM Ric Lucas

February 8 Mark & Jan Hop

February 15 Denny Stoel
Jim Means
PM Jim Means

February 22 Terry Bosch
John Timmer
PM Terry Bosch

**Remember to find your own replacement if you are unable to volunteer. Contact Jon Boeve with any concerns.



Shared Meals

The freezer has Chicken Alfredo Casserole, Chicken Lasagna, Beef Lasagna, Meatloaf & Cheesy hashbrowns, Taco Bake, Chicken Bacon Ranch Casserole, Cheesy Broccoli Rice Casserole, Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Enchiladas, Poppyseed Chicken Casserole, Tater Tot Casserole, Ham & Potato Soup and Chili. These meals are for members of our church with needs and for those outside our church that could use a helping hand.

INDOOR WALKING!

Mondays and Thursdays
9:00am to 11:30am

The church will be open for those who need to get out, get moving, and stretch their legs. Whether you're an Olympic speed walker or a casual slow walker, all are welcome to come out, bring their kids, invite a friend, and start walking laps here at Niekerk.



Church Calendar

Remember to schedule your meetings, community group events, and any other activities with the church office.



BRING
YOUR
CRAFTS

Ladies Quilting & Craft Day

Ladies take your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, stamping or any other activity and join other women for a craft day starting at 9 AM until 4 PM in En Gedj. No need to sign up; come when you can, and leave when you must.



hand2hand
MINISTRIES

H2H is collecting individual microwave popcorn packs (UNPOPPED popcorn) and individual Rice Krispies bars for the month of February and March



**American
Red Cross**

2026 Blood Drive Dates

Monday, March 16
Monday, May 15

One blood donation may help save three lives.

The American Red Cross commented that Holland is in the top ten of the Michigan cities for blood donations! The average donation is 1.12 with Holland at 3.4 donations.



Church Members in Care Facilities

Royal Park Place

Judy Bosch
Nonie Rietman

Riley Grove

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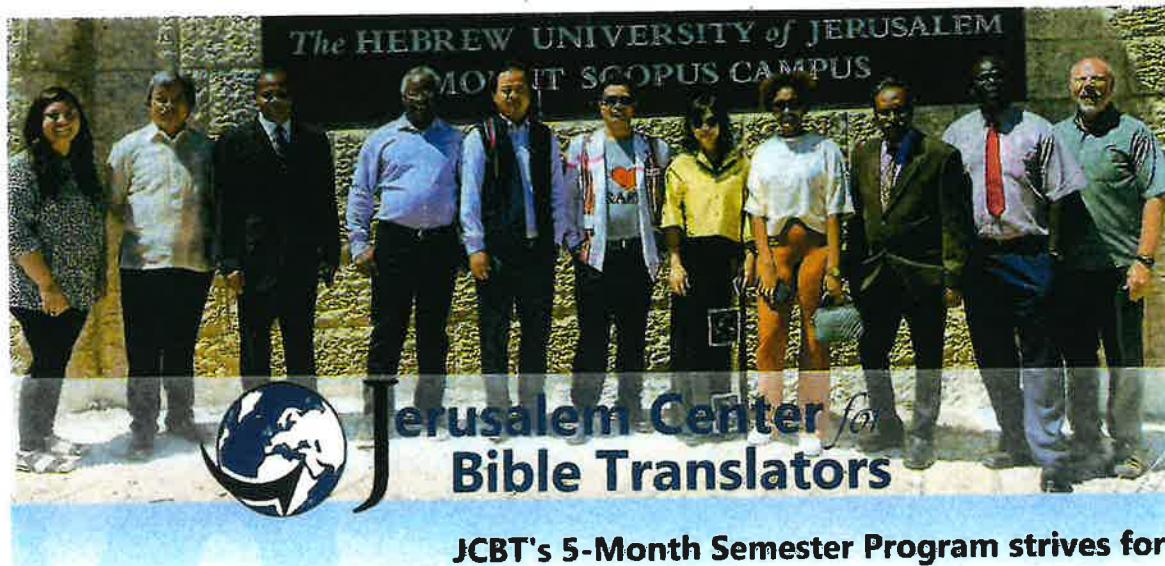
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**NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
WEATHER POLICY and PROCESS
Updated 3-13-20**

1. Whenever the National Weather Service issues a tornado **warning** for Ottawa County which extends past one hour before the stated beginning time of any scheduled church activity, that activity is cancelled.
2. Whenever the National Weather Service issues a tornado **watch** or any kind of severe thunderstorm alert for Ottawa County, which extends past one hour before the stated beginning time of any scheduled church activity, the **Executive Committee*** shall determine whether or not that activity is cancelled.
3. The **Executive Committee*** shall decide whether or not congregation-wide meetings and functions (e.g. *Worship Services, Congregational meetings, and the like*) shall be cancelled in situations of severe weather, which have not produced National Weather Service alerts (e.g. *heavy snow; fog; ice; and the like.*).
4. Each group's leadership shall decide whether or not to cancel, postpone, and/or reschedule the activities and/or functions of their own groups. (e.g. *Youth Group, Cadets; GEMS; Summer Bible Club; Hockey Rock, etc.*)
5. Cancellation notices will first be send by email on the Info@niekerkcrc.org. If you currently receive the bulletin and newsletter by email, you will also received the cancellation notices also.
5. Next, the cancellation notices will be posted on local TV stations: WOOD TV CHANNEL 8; WZZM CHANNEL 13; WWMT CHANNEL 3.
6. Rescheduling of any church related function or event shall be arranged, if reasonably possible, so the postponed meeting or event is not rescheduled to conflict with already scheduled events.

*For purposes of this policy, the **Executive Committee** will be deemed to include the preaching pastor, President and Clerk of Council when determining the cancellation of a worship service.



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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Dr. Catherine Wheeler, a former abortionist tells her story

Dr. Wheeler arrived at an outpatient surgery center prepared to perform an abortion. She was trained to do second trimester abortions on women who were carrying babies with adverse diagnosis. Her profession had taught her that is was "compassionate" to abort babies with abnormalities. The anesthesiologist on staff at the surgical center looked at the schedule and said, "I thought this was somebody who had a fetal demise; I did not realize you were doing an abortion. I am NOT doing this!" he said. The anesthesiologist's words surprised Dr.

Wheeler and created a newfound discomfort for her. She hadn't even considered that there was the option for an anesthesiologist to say no.

At the time and even today, the narrative was: *Anybody who was against abortion hated women.* In her mind she thought, *this guy is one of the most respected and kind people I know; he clearly cares deeply about women.* From this moment, she decided to stop performing abortion and start referring clients to an abortion clinic - until the day her resolve was tested. Dr. Wheeler had not performed an abortion for about a year. But then she was faced with a dilemma of a 16 year girl who was pregnant. The teen's mother lamented that if her daughter carried the baby, she wouldn't be able to finish school and her chances of becoming a doctor would be ruined. Dr. Wheeler declined at first; but they persisted, she felt pressured to agree, even though she would be breaking her decision not to perform abortions again. When Dr. Wheeler entered the surgery room and began the procedure, she felt the room suddenly grow dark and she felt a heavy, evil presence. Terrified she chose to finish the procedure. But it was like blinders came off, she says. She realized



she was about to kill a human being. At that moment she decided to renew her vow to never do another abortion again. Dr. Wheeler grew up in a Christian home and had a strong foundation of faith. And while in college she rejected her parents' Biblical worldview and made a decision in college that following God wasn't the path she wanted to take. It took another 15 years after her last abortion, before Dr. Wheeler dedicated her life to Christ and made a choice to be publicly baptized and profess her new faith in Christ. The day she was baptized she ran into a women she had performed her last abortion on and she was persuaded to go talk with her. Dr. Wheeler started praying for her after this interaction when God began dealing with her past. Dr. Wheeler embraced the reality that Jesus paid for all her sins on the Cross and she received His forgiveness so God could use her life for good. She wanted to tell people the TRUTH about abortion and she wanted to do in a loving manner. ***"God speaks truth in a way where He doesn't crush people".*** Dr.

Wheeler is now on the board of the American Association of Pro-Life OBGYN's (AAPLOG) and stated the first chapter in the state of Colorado. She is also on the medical advisory board of Save the Storks, which offers pregnancy resources and ultrasounds. She is also the newest member on the Focus on the Family Physician's Resource Council. However the biggest movement in her pro-life advocacy journey is the random conversations she's been able to have with both men and women. God has put her in front of people to have conversations. Dr. Wheeler prayed for God to make something beautiful out of "her broken shattered life for His glory" and He has done just that. She has been able to use her experiences for the good of others and to fight for LIFE-AFFIRMING medical care for women and the rights of pre-born babies. ***"God took my prayer and took everything that was a complete disaster...I can't believe what He's done with the brokenness".***



Hope Package Night
Thursday, March 12, 2026

Items needed:

Baby wipes

Baby wash

New stuffed animals for GIRLS

New throw blankets for BOYS

1st Night bags needed with items for ages:

Boys 12, 14, 16

Please drop off items prior to March 12th so we can organize donations for that night.



January 24th - March for Life beginning at 11:00am with a walk around Centennial Park and ending with Devotions & Prayer at Central Avenue CRC Church.

March 12th - Hope Package Night 7:30pm

March/April - HS Student Essay Contest

May 16th - Annual Walk/Run will be held at City on a Hill in Zeeland 9am-Noon.

Conference Book Ads 2026

If you, or you know of a prolife business, who would like to advertise in our annual conference book, or new, starting Sept. 2026 you can advertise on rtl.org as a digital ad and you can opt to advertise both ways. Contact Betty or Ann at 616.396.1037

Types of Ads:

- ◆ Patron: \$15-\$100
- ◆ Display & Digital: \$100-\$1,000

DEADLINE:

1st - April 10

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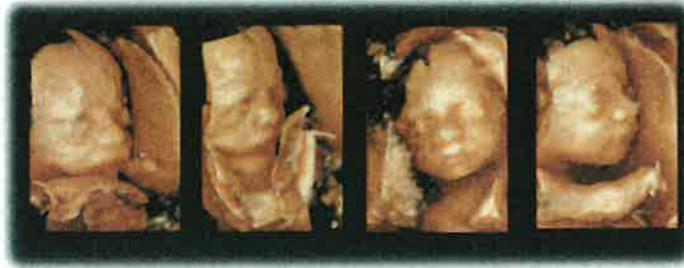
Find out information on our events and other prolife information, download flyers or registration forms and you can make donations directly to us by using

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March for Life - Holland

**Saturday,
January 24, 2026**



March begins at 11:00am at Centennial Park on the corner of 10th and Central. We will walk around the park for about 20 - 30 minutes.

Followed by

A Devotional & Prayer Service for Unborn Children

Devotions led by - Ann Wilson/President of RTLHA

11:30am at Central Avenue CRC Sanctuary
259 Central Avenue, Holland, MI 49423

***The events are FREE - Join us with Family and Friends!
FREE WILL offering will be taken at the Memorial Service.***

January 23, 2025 marks the 52nd Anniversary of the date of the infamous Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton decisions which legalized the violence of abortion throughout our country during the entire nine months of a woman's pregnancy. Since that date over 64 million+ pre-born lives have been destroyed. The Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in July, 2022. November, 2022 - Michigan's abortion ban was overturned by Proposal 3 as well as several prolife laws!

***Sponsored by Right to Life of Holland Area,
607 Heritage Court, Holland, MI 49423***



**Any CANCELLATION due to weather tune into WHTC AM, JOY FM or WPNW AM
and it will be posted on our Facebook page!**

These major corporations “care” about their female employees so much they will help murder their children. These companies will pay the expenses (shown below) to help fly women to pro-abortion states where abortionist will brutally dismember or poison their babies.

829 Studios - \$3500	CVS Health - expenses for out-of-state abortion	Macy's - travel
Accenture, Inc. - travel	Dicks Sporting Goods - \$4,000 including for spouse/dependents	MasterCard - access to abortion termination
Adidas - \$10,00	Disney - Travel	Meta - travel
Adobe - travel & lodging	Doordash - travel for employees and dependents	Microsoft - travel
AIRBNB - travel	Dove USA - travel	Morgan Stanley - travel
Alaska Airlines - abortion travel	Duolingo - travel	Netflix - \$10,000
Amazon - \$4,000	Expedia Group - travel	NY Times - travel
American Express - travel	Fidelity Investments - travel	Nike - travel and lodging
Apple - coverage for an abortion and travel	Footlocker - travel	Paramount - travel
AT&T - travel	Ford Motor Co. - HAS for travel	PayPal - travel
Bank of America - travel	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. - travel	Procter & Gamble - will pay for employees to get an abortion
Blackrock, Inc. - travel	Google - travel	Reddit, Inc. - travel
Box.com - travel and medical	Hewlett Packard - travel	Screen Actors Guild - travel and lodging including dependents if they travel out-of-state
Bumble - has a relief fund for Texas women so they can leave the state for an abortion	Ikea - travel	Sephora, USA, Inc. - travel
Chobani - travel, lodging, and child-care for employees and their dependents.	Indeed, Inc. - travel	Skechers - \$4,000
Cigna - travel for employees and their family	Intel Corp. - travel	Sony - \$10,000
Citigroup - travel	J. Crew - travel	Starbucks - travel
CNN - travel	JPMorgan - travel	Target - travel
Comcast/NBC - travel	Kroger - \$4,000	Ulta - travel
Compass, Inc. - travel for employees and companions	Levi Strauss - travel for part-time and full time employees	Unilever - travel
Crocs Inc. - \$4,000	Live Nation - travel and bail for any employees arrested during a pro-abortion protest	Yahoo - \$5,000
	LYFT - travel	Yelp - travel
		Zillow - \$7,500 for travel



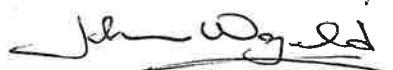
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IN THE GOSPEL, WE STARTED
OVER 15,000 NEW CHURCHES
THIS YEAR! WE THANK YOU
AND THE LORD THAT WE COULD
GATHER IN AFRICA WITH LEADERS
FROM 66 NATIONS AS WE PRAISED
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TOGETHER IN MISSION,

John Wogild

Dear Friends at Niekirk
Christian Reformed Church,

Wishing you a joyful
holiday season
from all of us at
Multiplication Network!

We are writing to express our heartfelt
gratitude for your faithful partnership
with Multiplication Network in 2025.
We are deeply thankful for your generous
financial support which allows us to equip leaders
and plant churches globally, but also for your
steadfast prayers. Knowing that we have
the Niekirk Church family praying for us
provides a strong spiritual foundation.
Your support funded 6 new churches in
Rwanda!

Thank you for walking beside us.
With gratitude in Christ
Diane W. Hyland



2025 Ministry Results

As of October 31, 2025



Hub Results	Churches Started:	Church Planters in Training:	People Reached with the Gospel:	People Who Now Follow Jesus:	People in Bible Studies:
Asia	551	1,000	29,598	6,574	5,911
Caribbean	835	1,098	62,278	26,708	6,728
East Africa	7,105	12,577	954,413	315,709	151,858
Eurasia	24	58	565	221	219
Europe	70	71	826	171	422
Latin America	4,748	4,749	84,292	28,601	23,509
West Africa	1,355	2,160	239,070	137,105	130,207

Total

14,688

21,713

1,371,042

515,089

318,854

2024 Global Ministry Results



Churches Started:

14,531

People Reached with the Gospel:

1,336,048

People Who Now Follow Jesus:

482,844

People in Bible Studies:

338,319

Churches using the TYCP tool:

3,341

Churches Started Annually

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
4,281	4,257	5,563	4,354	6,093	7,092	11,808

Niekerk Ministry Teams

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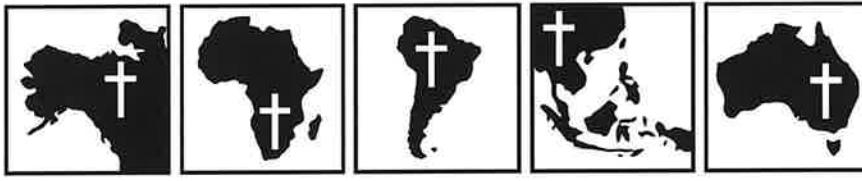
<u>Council Committee</u>	<u>Chair/Contact Person</u>	<u>Team Members</u>
Community Impact Team		
Building Men for Life	Cheryl Bosch,	Deb Slenk, Joe Texer*, Ryan Texer, Margaret Timmer, Marv Venema, Sarah Walters
Growing Hope Globally	Dave Walters	
Hand2Hand Ministries	Carl Helder	
Heights of Hope Rep's	Sara Heeres	
Hockey Rock	MJ Staal	
Health Pantry	Kim Walters	Sara Heeres, Phil Helder, Steve Kragt, Jen Leenstra, Margaret Timmer
Dale Walters		
Congregational Life Team		
Fellowship Team	Ken Schierbeek*	Curt & Marcy Brower, Abby Helder, Sue Hoekstra, Mark Hop, Bob Steenwyk
	Jan Hop &	
	Jane Steenwyk	
Wednesday Night at Niekerk	Ken Schierbeek	Carol Keen, Bev Leegwater, Ken & Joyce Schierbeek, Bryan & Kaylin Van Dyke
Community Groups	MJ Staal/Jamie Hop	
Greeters/Welcome Assistant	Linda Nyhof	Jim Hondred, Vern Hoeksema, Greg Leenstra
Pine Rest Counseling	Carl Helder	
Newsletter Editor	Julie Mulder	
Discipleship Team		
Catechism Teachers	Trisha Texer	Brian Bosch, Stephanie Edewaard, Kurt Rigitink, Linda Timmer, Kaylin Van Dyke
Childcare/Nursery	Kurt Rigitink*	Scott Helder (4 th -5 th), Char Janssen (6 th -7 th) Carl Helder (8 th)
Education Team	Kaylin Van Dyke	Lindsey Haan, Renee Texer
Library	Marilyn Russcher	
Little Lambs	Kim Walters	Rita Helder, Jane Steenwyk, Linda Timmer, Sandy Van Dyke
Sunday Night Bible Study		
Sunday School Superintendent	Kaylin Van Dyke	Elmer & Leona Nyhof, Gary & Marilyn Russcher
Cadets	Jim Means	Abby Helder & Trisha Texer
GEMS	Nancy Means	Henry Bosch, Terry Bosch, Mike Roelofs, Wayne Tjarks
Youth Director	Trisha Texer	Carol Hochhalter, Char Janssen, Stephanie Edewaard, Kristi Driscoll, Nancy Means, &
Middle School Youth Group	Trisha Texer	Kaylin Van Dyke
Youth Group		
Young Adults	Trisha Texer	Melissa Dozeman, Scott & Stephanie Edewaard, Joe Texer
		Melissa Dozeman, Scott & Stephanie Edewaard, Joe Texer

Finance Team	Bryan VanDyke* Kathi Petroelje Mike Dozeman	Mike Dozeman, Ivan Janssen, Brent Kapenga, Larry Van Dyke
Missions Team	Bryan Van Dyke* Missionary Financial Support Growing Hope Globally	Dave Helder, Bev Leep, Joe Texer, Wayne Tjarks Carl Helder
Prayer Team	Dave Helder Oversee Prayer Activities Worship Coordinator	Char Janssen, Gary Morren, Nancy Windemuller, Pastor John Nyitray Carol Hochhalter
Support Team	Jon Boeve* Administrative Assistant Building Supervisors Custodian Donations Emergency Response Historian Kitchen	Ric Lucas, Jane Steenwyk, Mike Venema Julie Mulder Ric & Karen Lucas Karen Koopman Jack Koeman, Bev Leegwater, & Karen Lucas Jon Boeve, Jessica Bosch & Jamie Hop Joyce Dalman, Elaine Helder, Verna Jansen, Char Janssen, Karen Lucas, & Linda Timmer Jane Steenwyk/ Jan Hop Joe Texer Julie Mulder Jim Means, Ric Lucas
Worship Team	Carol Hochhalter* Banner Changes Flower/Decorations Greeter Coordinator Nursery Visual Arts Power Point Sound Booth	Jamie Hop, Jen Leep, Dan Petroelje, MJ Staal Donna Lampen Linda Nyhof Kaylin Van Dyke Melanie Russcher, Renee Texer, Lindsey Haan Jamie Hop Jamie Hop

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