



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

## **APRIL 14, 2024**

Welcome in the name of Christ! We are glad that you have come to worship. Our prayer for you is found in Hebrews 13:20: “Now may the God of peace...make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will...” Remembering that in God’s will there is perfect peace, let us joyfully seek guidance from our Creator.  
Blessings on you all!

### **-ORDER OF SERVICE-**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Worship Songs**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

*Shout To The North*

*Great Are You Lord*

**Covenant Video**

**Baptism & Profession of Faith**

**Dismiss Kids**

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

Purpose, Purpose, Purpose! Connect!

Matthew 28:18-20, Jn.14:25-26 & Jn. 15:4-5

**Prayer**

**Closing Song**

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

Our Pastors would love to hear from you!

Pastor Kevin: [kevin@rehoboth.church](mailto:kevin@rehoboth.church) & Pastor Kathy: [kathy@rehoboth.church](mailto:kathy@rehoboth.church)

## **-SCHEDULE-**

### **TODAY**

9 AM, Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM, Worship Service, Building Fund  
Baptism & Profession of Faith  
10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School  
4 PM, House of Prayer  
5 PM, Middle School Youth Group  
6 PM, High School Youth Group

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, April 15**

9:30 AM, Widows Breakfast  
6:30 PM, Prayer Alliance Meeting  
7 PM, Property Team Meeting

#### **Tuesday, April 16**

7 PM, Worship Meeting

#### **Wednesday, April 17**

9:30 AM, Service Day, Leader: Pauline S.  
11 AM, CCHC  
7 PM, Women's Bible Study

#### **Thursday, April 18**

4:30 PM, Food Distribution  
4:30 PM – 6 PM, Soup Supper

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Sunday, April 21**

9 AM, Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM, Worship Service  
10:30 AM, Farewell Cake Fellowship Hr.  
10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School  
5 PM, Middle School Youth Group  
6 PM, High School Youth Group

#### **Monday, April 22**

1:30 PM, Esther Circle

#### **Tuesday, April 23**

1:30 PM, Dorcas Circle  
7 PM, Worship Meeting

#### **Wednesday, April 24**

11 AM, CCHC

#### **Thursday, April 25**

4:30 PM, Food Distribution



## **-CELEBRATING BAPTISM & PROFESSION OF FAITH-**

This morning we will be celebrating the Baptism and Profession of Faith of Haley Renee Mattison! Congratulations Haley!

## **-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**Seek the Lord Prayer Challenge:** This month we began the next phase of our year-long prayer challenge of seeking the Lord together. If you have not yet received a copy of Praying the Prayers of the Apostle Paul, please pick one up on Sunday. They are available on the prayer resource table. There are still copies of the 40 days of Lent Prayer Guide and Thirsty devotional available too.

**Cookie Baker Wanted!** Love to bake? We are looking for someone to bake cookies once a month starting in May for our fellowship hour after church. If you are interested please reach out to Pastor Kathy! [kathy@rehoboth.church](mailto:kathy@rehoboth.church)

**House of Prayer: TODAY** at 4 PM. Please join us in a time of worship and prayer, as we unite our hearts in praising God and seeking His blessing, His leading, and the fulfillment of His will for Rehoboth. *"I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you."* (Mt 18:19).

**April 18 Bag Packer:** We're looking for one more person to help pack bags on **THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>** from 2 PM until 4 PM. You'll be indoors and on your feet, moving food from bulk boxes into individual bags that will be given to guests later in the afternoon. Interested in helping? Hit reply on this email! Reach out to Rachel at [rachel@rehoboth.church](mailto:rachel@rehoboth.church)

**Soup Supper:** The congregation is invited to attend a Soup Supper on **THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>** from 4:30 PM – 6 PM. The families of those participating in our Food Distribution Line have been invited in for Dinner and Fellowship. We would love to have some partners in the gospel also in attendance to help love on these families and get to know them better. If you would be willing to participate in any way, by making soup, salad or a dessert, or will be there to eat alongside, please call the church office to sign up. If you are unable to attend, we ask that you will be in prayer over this evening and will continue to pray for those that we are ministering to in this way.

## **-FAREWELL CAKE-**

Please join us in wishing Pastor Kevin and Betty farewell on **SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>** during fellowship hour after service with cake and words of encouragement. We will miss them dearly and pray that their future endeavors are bright and full of adventure! Thank you for your years of spiritual leadership Pastor Kevin.

## **-COMMUNITY-**

**Abide: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>** 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.

**Prosper CRC is once again hosting Secret Church.** This simulcast, taught by David Platt, is **FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**, beginning at 7 PM. This year Secret Church is on the book of Ruth. Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption. This one-night event happens annually. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we will meet for nearly 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Please join us! Contact Alexandra Dodde to order a workbook. (adodde@gmail.com; 231-349-2806). Cost for the book is \$10.

**Highland Hymn-sing:** Highland Christian Reformed Church invites you to a traditional Hymn-sing on **SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>** at 4:30 PM in the Highland church fellowship hall. Bring a friend and a song in your heart. A time of fellowship to follow. Highland Church is located at 9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI (on the corner of 23 Mile Rd and 90th Ave). Please call the church office at (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions.

**Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry:** Please contact us via email, karenpluger@hotmail.com, or by phone, 231-846-7586, by 5 PM on April 19<sup>th</sup> if you are in need of diapers and wipes for the various children in your home. Also, let us know of the sizes of diapers needed when you contact us. We would love to assist you in your time of need. **THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY, APRIL 26,** 4 PM – 6 PM.

**Faith Lift Women's Retreat: SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>** 9:30 AM – 3 PM at Cadillac CRC, 1110 E. Division St. "In the Right Place at the Right Time." You are invited to attend a one day women's retreat to learn about women in the Bible that you may or may not feel are significant to us. But perhaps it's because you don't know their story. Linda DeMott will be speaking to us as we discover how God used women from all sorts of backgrounds to complete His purpose of knowing Him. Come and learn about these heroines and how their struggles and faith can give us valuable lessons for our own faith journey. Retreat Registration is April 1-21. Cost is only \$15, including lunch. There will be vendors available for browsing and shopping. Sign-up by April 21 at Cadillac CRC 231-775-5291 or contact Judy Porer at 616-581-8207 or Sue Tonello 248-770-9102.

This will be an amazing day of praise, personal growth and fellowship with other women! Bring a friend!

**"Focus on Life" Dinner** will be held on **MONDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** at the Northland Community Church. Doors open at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Tickets are \$25 each with senior high school students free. Please call Don Hoitenga at 231-839-2583 for more info.

## **-WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS-**

*Praise God that His strength is made perfect in our weakness ( 2 Cor 12:8-10). Ask God to Strengthen each of us with power through His Spirit (Eph 3:16). Ask God to help us to abide in Christ (Eph 3:17a). Pray for God to help the Rehoboth family grow in our love, righteousness and purity. (Php 1:9-11). Ask God to fulfill every purpose He has for us and every act of faith we attempt (2 Th 1:11-12). Pray for God to encourage our hearts and strengthen us to keep doing good deeds (2 Th 2:16-17).*

## **-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 & Betty Meyering at Curry House and Bill Elenbaas at Quiet Creek AFC.

Be in prayer for the following persons, as they undergo treatment and receive on going care for cancer: Barb Boven, Bill Elenbaas and Don Schepers.

## **-PRAYER CHAIN CALLS & UPDATES-**

4/2/2024: **Jerry Taylor**, Marc Taylor's dad, underwent emergency heart surgery on 3/30 in Grand Rapids. On 4/2 he developed pneumonia. Jerry will likely have a long recovery. Please pray for his swift recovery and that he feels better soon! **UPDATE 4/4**: he is currently at Corwell Health Butterworth Hospital recovering from heart surgery followed by pneumonia. Please pray for healing for Jerry and strength for Louise and the family as they care for him. **UPDATE 4/11**: Jerry was moved out of ICU on 4/6. Unfortunately he hasn't improved much since then. He is weak, sometimes confused, and he is retaining a lot of fluid. Please pray that he will start improving.

## **-MESSAGE FROM CONSISTORY-**

There are signup sheets available in the fellowship hall for those who still have questions or want to find out more about the church covenant. We are asking that you sign as a family, or pairs if you are single and want to find a partner, in one of the 20 minute time slots spread over two Sunday's. The consistory will be split into 4 small teams so there are a total of 32 slots. Sign up will end Sunday 4/21.

For your convenience, there is a FAQ sheet available regarding the covenant on the tables at each entrance and also at the sign up table. Perhaps that will also provide the information you need.

## **-CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY-**

March 12, 2024

Devotions and prayer were offered by Pastor Kevin, Matthew 28: 18-20, a video was shared from Art Wiers, on living the Great Commission.

Pastor Kevin reported that all staff Performance Appraisal surveys have been sent out, they are to be returned by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Plans for the Good Friday/Easter Worship services are being completed.

Elders Report: Mark reported that there were many partners in the gospel with spiritual and health concerns, an extended time of prayer was held during the Elders's meeting.

Financial/Deacon's Report: Tom L and the deacons present reported that the \$42,000 from the Building Fund has been sent to Bigelow Roofing for the church roofing project scheduled for this Spring/Summer. The Benevolence Fund is being utilized as needs arise. Bob reported that with the resignation of Steve Brennan, the deacons would like some time to determine the best recommendation for seeking a replacement for deacon/treasurer position. Pastor Kevin reviewed the Policy Manual, regarding options for replacing the position(s).

The Ministry Team Reports were reviewed. A total of \$20,600 was received from the Youth Auction, Thank You to everyone that attended and to Jason, the youth and all the volunteers.

It was by consensus that the book, Pray The Word For Your Church, be used for the devotion time at each Consistory meeting, Lisa offered to begin, at the April meeting. The Covenant Statement video is currently in the final stages and the plan is to have it previewed by the Consistory in a couple of weeks. A time of discussion/ideas on ways to proceed with encouraging and promoting the Covenant statements followed, more details will be confirmed at a later date.

The timeline for spending plan formation was discussed and the target date is to have the plan ready for the May Consistory meeting.

A summary of the resignation letters from Josh Anderson and Ben Carroll was distributed, after review and discussion, motion was made by Mark and supported by Barb that Josh and Ben stay in full capacity through Easter Sunday, March 31, motion carried.

Pastor Kevin distributed his letter of resignation, a few questions were asked, Pastor Kevin made some brief statements and he dismissed himself from the meeting. The requested timeline of Pastor Kevin's resignation was approved by consensus. His last Sunday to preach is April 21 and his last day of employment will be April 28.

There was a short discussion to ensure that there were no other immediate needs to address, if a special meeting is needed, it will be called by the officers of the Consistory.

Motion to adjourn by Mark, supported by Lisa, motion carried. Mark closed with prayer.

Minutes written by Barb Scholten – Clerk for Rehoboth Reformed Church

## **-MARCH MADNESS-**

Congratulations to this year's March Madness winners!

1. Bonnie Schripsema
2. Shawn Murphy
3. Todd Koetje

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's March Madness! There is a special prize to each of you in your church mailbox!



Recently we went through the kitchen and did some deep cleaning and came across a lot of unclaimed dishes that don't belong to church. If you have made anything for church and might have left a container, dish or platter here at church please take a second to go look if anything belongs to you. We would greatly appreciate it!



## First Quarter Financial Report:

Spending Plan: **November 2023 - June 2024**

8 Month Allocation: **\$380,295.13**

Monthly Offering Needed to Meet Spending Plan: **\$47,563.89**

Percent of Spending Plan Collected: **55%**

Percent of Spending Plan Spent: **66.5%**

<b>Balances</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$30,814</b>	<b>\$20,577</b>	<b>*\$49,871</b>	
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$21,448</b>	<b>\$21,448</b>	<b>\$21,448</b>	
<b>General Fund Offerings</b>	<b>\$55,972</b>	<b>\$36,338</b>	<b>\$32,708</b>	<b>\$125,018</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,771</b>	<b>\$46,973</b>	<b>\$46,668</b>	<b>\$143,412</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$124,494</b>	<b>\$126,316</b>	<b>\$66,348</b>	
<b>Building Fund Offerings</b>	<b>\$3,920</b>	<b>\$1,635</b>	<b>\$1,085</b>	<b>\$6,640</b>
<b>Building Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>*\$42,000</b> <b>*\$18,842</b>	<b>\$60,842</b>
<b>Monthly Attendance</b>				

\* \$42,000 went towards the 50% deposit on the roof repair. The other approx. 50% will be due in mid-late April.

\* \$18,842 was transferred from the building fund to the general fund per the spending plan.

\* Included in the Checking balance is \$28,489.13 that is earmarked for the Youth Fund.