



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

## **APRIL 21, 2024**

Welcome, worshipers! “Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy...” (Psalm 149:5). Together let us lift up our hearts in gratitude to God. Together let us have fellowship before our Creator. Praise the Lord!

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Worship Songs**

*Goodness Of God*

*Shine Jesus Shine*

**Dismiss Kids**

**Covenant Video**

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

Purpose, Purpose, Purpose! Teaching!  
Matthew 28:18-20, Jn.14:23-24 & Jn. 15:10

**Prayer**

**Closing Song**

*Knowing You*

**Blessing**

*I Love to Tell The Story*

**Postlude**

Our Connections Pastor would love to hear from you!  
Pastor Kathy Vana: [kathy@rehoboth.church](mailto:kathy@rehoboth.church)

## **-SCHEDULE-**

### **TODAY**

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

### **THIS WEEK**

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

1:30 PM, Esther Circle, Host: Donna M.  
7 PM, Pricilla Circle, Host: Mary T.  
Leader: Ruth (Ivan) S.

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

1:30 PM, Dorcas Circle, Lesson 8  
Leader: Mary Jo B., Host: Julie D.  
7 PM, Worship Meeting

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

11 AM, CCHC

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

4:30 PM, Food Distribution

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Sunday, April 28**

9 AM, Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM, Worship Service  
10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School  
5 PM, Middle School Youth Group  
6 PM, High School Youth Group  
6 PM, Elizabeth Circle, Leader: Pam S.  
Host: Cindy B.

#### **Tuesday, April 30**

7 PM, Worship Meeting

#### **Wednesday, May 1**

11 AM, CCHC  
11:30 AM, Young at Heart  
7 PM, Women's Bible Study

#### **Thursday, May 2**

4:30 PM, Food Distribution

## **-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 TODAY.

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.



**Kids Church Dismissals:** Kids Church classes, Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be dismissed at 11 AM. Nursery and Toddler room classes can be picked up after service. Please pick up your child(ren) accordingly. Thank you!!

**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.

## **-FAREWELL CAKE-**

Please join us in wishing Pastor Kevin and Betty farewell **TODAY** 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.

## **-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**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

**May Young at Heart:** The next young at heart gathering will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** at 11:30 AM. We will be hosting a brunch! Please sign-up at the welcome center if you plan to join! See you there!

**National Day of Prayer:** **THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**: You are invited to join members from the Prayer Team in the meeting room from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. or from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for prayer. If you are only able to come for a portion of time, that is ok...Please feel free to join us at any time through-out the duration of the prayer time scheduled. If you are unable to join in person, you are still encouraged to set aside additional time to pray for our nation. Information to aid you in your prayer time is available on the Prayer Resource Table.

**The Golden Girls:** Our former Widows Breakfast group will be changing their name to The Golden Girls! The next meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** at 9:30 AM at Curry House Assisted Living Center in the Michigan Room. Please sign-up at the welcome center if you plan on joining! 😊

**Women's Snack-n-Paint!** On **FRIDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>** at 6 PM we will be hosting a Women's Snack-n-Paint here at Rehoboth lead by Debra Wright! The theme of the painting is about new beginnings, promises, happiness and hope for the future, the rainbow. The bible verse we are incorporating is Psalm 46:10a "Be still and know that I am God." There will be snacks and drinks provided! The cost is \$35 per person the day of the event. If you, and a friend, plan on coming please sign-up at the welcome center, *on or before Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>*, so our instructor is prepared with the right amount of supplies. 😊

**Pop Cans for Youth Group:** The youth group is once again asking for pop cans to put towards their summer mission trip! You can drop off cans to Jason or notify him if they need to be picked up, 231-920-7970. Thank you!!

## **-COMMUNITY-**

~~**CANCELLED!** Highland Hymn-sing: Highland Christian Reformed Church invites you to a traditional Hymn sing **TODAY** 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" Annual Benefit Dinner:** This event will take place on **MONDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**, doors open at 5 PM and dinner begins at 6 PM at Northland Community Church. Our guest speaker is Amber Roseboom, president of Right to Life Michigan. Reservations are \$25 ea. High School students are free when accompanied by an adult, *see your church secretary for ticket purchase*. For more information please reach out to Don Hoitenga at donhoitenga@gmail.com OR 231-839-2583.

## **-WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS-**

*Thank God* for the gift of intercession. *Ask God* to strengthen individuals with power through His Holy Spirit. (Eph 3:16). *Ask God* to give us a desire for His presence and a willingness to abide in Him (Eph 3:17a). *Pray for God* to fulfill every good purpose He has for us and to strengthen us to continue to do good deeds (2 Thes 1:11-12). *Pray that God* will infuse the youngest to the oldest with His love and Christ's perseverance (2 Thes 3:5). Pray for eyes that are open to God's goodness and for hearts that overflow with praise and thanks to God (Col 1:12). Pray that Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith (Eph 3:17).

## **-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.

## **-SPECIAL THANKS-**

New address for Dave & Deb Stralow, 3116 Maple Villa Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Next month, Deb and I will start a new chapter for us. We would like to thank Rehoboth and the community for all the love and support over the past many years of fellowship. It was truly a special time to be a part of such a loving community, going way back to when my dad was the pastor here.

- Dave & Deb Stralow

So many thanks to our church family for all your support during our journey through Tom's cancer. Your care, love and concern was shown in so many ways. We all received an abundance of cards, calls, texts, prayers and hugs. Much appreciation goes to those who helped make Tom's Celebration of Life a touching and memorable service. From music to luncheon help to cake donations to cleaning up, many thanks to all. Also, all the generous donations to Tom's Mission Fund are greatly appreciated as that will allow his legacy to live on providing fresh drinking water, as well as, living water to those in need. It would have been even more difficult to get through the past year without all of your support - especially the prayers which were felt so often. With many blessings, - Patti Bosscher, Don & Eleanor Bosscher, Mike & Vickie Bosscher, Jim & Cindy Bosscher

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

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." ~ Matthew 5:4*

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. **UPDATE 4/14**: Cards for Jerry can be sent to Mark and Sharon (23433 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marion, MI 49665) as Mark is going at least 2 times a week to see his parents. Jerry will be at the hospital for at least another week. **UPDATE 4/18**: Jerry was moved from Corewell (Butterworth in GR) to Samaritas in Cadillac on Wed. He will be there for rehab for about 3 weeks.

4/14/2024: Grace Dykhouse's sister, **Carol Mary Hoffman**, passed away on 4/9. Funeral services took place on 4/13 at the Burkholder Family Funeral Home.

4/14/2024: **Jake & Lauren Buning** had a baby girl on 4/12 named Ellie Marie.

4/16/2024: **Nate & Jamie Buning** had a baby boy on 4/16 named Aidan Jacob.

4/18/2024: Please be in prayer for **Dave Stralow mother, JoAnn**. She recently finished radiation treatments to contain a small tumor from growing again in her brain. She's been quite weak and fell a couple times, but is slowly improving. Please pray for God's healing for her strength to return fully again.



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!

**-MISSING CONTAINER-**

Rich & Pam Smallegan are missing a 9 x 13 pan with a cover and a soft carrier. If you've seen it or mistakenly taken it home please let them know. Thanks!!

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**-CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS-**

Do you have something to praise God for? Tell us, and we would love to include it in this month's Celebrating God's Faithfulness Video! You can either drop your praise in the "Thankful Box" on the Prayer Resource table at the top of the stairs leading into the Fellowship Hall using the bottom of this sheet OR by scanning this QR code with your phone.




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