

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

APRIL 7, 2024

Welcome! "A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance," the Bible affirms (Proverbs 15:13). With gladness, therefore, praise the Lord! With gladness, extend your loving concern to all those around you. "The Lord is in his holy temple!" Rejoice and be glad!



Our Pastors would love to hear from you! Pastor Kevin: kevin@rehoboth.church & Pastor Kathy: kathy@rehoboth.church

-SCHEDULE-

TODAY

9 AM, Morning Prayer
9:05 AM, Hymn Sing
9:30 AM, Worship Service
10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School
11 AM, Praise Team Meeting
5 PM, Middle School Youth Group
6 PM, High School Youth Group

THIS WEEK Tuesday, April 9

7 PM, Worship Meeting 7 PM, Consistory Meeting Wednesday, April 10 11 AM, CCHC Thursday, April 11 4:30 PM, Food Distribution 4:30 PM, Staff Meeting

NEXT WEEK Sunday, April 14

9 AM, Morning Prayer 9:30 AM, Worship Service, Building Fund 10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School 4 PM, House of Prayer 5 PM, Middle School Youth Group 6 PM, High School Youth Group 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 Thursday, April 18 4:30 PM, Food Distribution

Out: Pastor Kathy, April 8 - 11



<u>Kids Church Dismissals</u>: Kids Church classes, Pre-K – 5th 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!!

<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.

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.

<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.

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

<u>Seek the Lord Prayer Challenge</u>: Last Sunday 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 <u>Praying the Prayers of the Apostle Paul</u>, please pick one up today. 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.

<u>New Life Group Opportunity for Women</u>: This spring, Deb Rozeveld will be offering a life group for women of all ages on Wednesday nights at 7 PM. The study will be on a book by Priscilla Shirer called "Discerning the Voice of God." Sign-up sheets for all open Life Groups are available in the Gathering Area and will be open until TODAY. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Kathy.

<u>Cookie Baker Wanted</u>! 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

Praise Band! If you are a singer or instrumentalist who has been involved with praise band in the past and/or are interested in using your gifts to help the people who worship with us at Rehoboth to worship God, the worship committee would encourage you to join us for a praise band meeting **TODAY** right after church. We will be discussing how to best fill in the needs for the coming months.

<u>**Gift Cards**</u>! Jason is in need of \$10 gift cards for care packages to college kids! He is looking for gift cards from places like Starbucks, McDonalds, Subway, etc. Please have them into Jason by **SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH**. Thank you!!

House of Prayer: SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH 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).*

Food Distribution Bag Packers: We're looking for two people to help pack bags on **THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH** 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? Reach out to Rachel at rachel@rehoboth.church

Soup Supper: The congregation is invited to attend a Soup Supper on **THURSDAY**, **APRIL 18**TH 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.

<u>Youth Group T-Shirts</u>: Our teens are selling t-shirts and sweatshirts designed by Brekken Cotter. Place your order by **SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST** at

https://tinyurl.com/4a8p5fd5. Make checks out to "Rehoboth Reformed Church" and in the memo line write youth t-shirts, you can give cash or checks directly to Jason. Shirts will be delivered later in April.

-COMMUNITY-

Love your Neighbor 5k Run/Walk by Community Hope is excited to share a fun, new event we have coming up! It is the Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk to be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH at Timber Wolf Lake (Young Life camp north of Lake City). This event is a way for people to continue loving their neighbors while enjoying the beautiful grounds of Timber Wolf Lake. Proceeds from this event will benefit our mentoring and food programs for children and youth in Missaukee County. For questions please reach out to Jennifer Pugh at jen@communityhopemc.org or Mekoe Peterson at mekoe@communityhopemc.org

<u>Abide</u>: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH 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 19TH**, 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 21ST** 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 19th 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 25TH AND FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 4 PM – 6 PM.

Faith Lift Women's Retreat: SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 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 leant 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 Porter 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!

<u>"Focus on Life" Dinner</u> will be held on **MONDAY, MAY 6**TH 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 for counting us worthy to partner with Him in kingdom work. *Ask God to* help Rehoboth bear fruit in every good work (Col1:10). *Ask God to* give us strength and endurance (Col 1:11). *Ask God to* fill each person with joy, strength, and thankfulness. (Col 1:11) *Pray for God* to grant us wisdom and knowledge so we will know Him better (Eph 1:17). *Pray for God* to fill each person with hope (Eph 1:18). *Ask God to* help each of us live in peace and unity (Ro15:5-6).

-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-

<u>4/2/2024</u>: **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.

-SPECIAL THANKS-

Thank-you so much for the Easter cards! I received a shower of blessings from Rehoboth, and it was a wonderful surprise! Please pray for me as I have big projects coming up - I love being back on the mission field!" Please pray also for an Iranian friend (named Parastoo); she has been wrestling with the Lord, but hasn't accepted Jesus yet (however, she is going to church with me and my roommate). Thank-you! Love,

Emily DeRuiter

Rehoboth Church,

Thank you so very much for the gift of money we received. We are so very thankful for your kindness and thoughtfulness. We are praying the surgery on Monday will be the last one. Again, from the bottom of our hearts, Thank you!!

Floyd and Kaci Morris