

Announcements – December 14, 2025

Congratulations to Brenen and Becca Louwerse on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Sue Louwerse on December 3. Adeline was 7 lb. 3 oz and 21 inches long. There is a Blessings Basket on the counter in the FLC where you can place a card or small gift for them. They have plenty of meals so there will not be a meal sign up.

Thank you for the support we've received following the birth of Lillian. We are so grateful for the gifts from the Blessing Basket and all of the cards with kind words. We feel so blessed to be a part of such a great church family. Jonathan, Abigail and Lilly Hop

A note from Tim Marsh: Please pray! Our (ICBM) Dodge Durango is in need of new head gaskets. It is leaking antifreeze into the cylinders. It is not drivable. The estimate for repairs is \$4,500.00. That's just under what we have in the ICBM account. Please pray that the Lord will use someone to meet the need. Thank you, Uncle Tim Marsh

Please join the Church Life Committee for breakfast on Sunday, December 21 before church. Beginning at 8:30 AM we will be serving bacon, egg and cheese breakfast burritos; warm cinnamon rolls and pastries; and fruit smoothies.

After canceling services on the 30th and missing out on worshipping together, the Elders would like to try something different in the future. If morning services are cancelled and weather improves later, we would like to try doing a 2:00 afternoon service that would replace both the AM and PM services; other churches in the area have done this and it has worked well for them. If we have the opportunity to try this, notifications of this will be sent via our normal cancellation communications by 12:00 that day.

Are you looking for a way to get involved at ORC? Maybe meet some new people and make some friends? We are working on the January - March Usher/Greeter schedule and we would LOVE to have more smiling faces added to the rotation. Contact the office for more details.

The Security Team is working on their January – June Schedule and are looking for new members to help keep our congregation safe during worship. If this is something that you are interested in joining, please contact the office for more information and to join.

A note from the bedding ministry....

Remember to grab a slip from the SERVE area in the FLC for the bedding ministry. Drop off items by the donation tables. Feel free to call Beth Zoet with any questions at 616-218-6107.

Winter Women's Bible Studies:

****Any woman, post high and above, is welcome to join us for a 6 week "Take Courage: A Study of Haggai" Bible Study. We will be meeting on Jan 13, 27; Feb 10, 24; Mar 10, 24 (31 if needed). Sign up is on the counter under SERVE. Any questions contact Amy Schrotenboer 616-393-9390.**

****Any woman, post high and above is welcome to join us for a 12 week "Women of the Text" Bible Study. We will be meeting Jan 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar 5, 12, 19, 26; Apr 2. We are meeting at 9:00 am at Ruth VerKaik's home and we will be digging into The Sermon on The Mount. Sign up is on the counter under SERVE. Any questions contact Ruth VerKaik at 616-634-7681.**

Needed for VBS: Sturdy tubes and wrapping paper tubes (lots!) By the donation table is a basket to place the tubes.

A ready-made meal is just what someone you know might need. It could be because of an illness, surgery, something unexpected, or giving some extra time in a busy life. The Women's Ministry has prepared meals for just these reasons. If you know someone who could use a meal (8x8), sign one out from the freezer in the ORC kitchen on the sheet on the freezer door. If you have questions, check with the office or Mary Slotman.

We have received the Church Promo Code for Camp Geneva. Summer camp registration begins on January 6. Families with campers who are part of a "Fill-a-Cabin" will need the code prior to their early registration date of December 12. We have also received the Church Promo Code for CranHill. The code is for members of ORC. Contact the church office if you need the code.

SAVE THE DATE for our Harvest Network annual Gathering! We have a new date and location! We will be meeting in-person at Overisel Reformed Church in Holland, MI, on April 24-25, 2026.

Some updates from the Deacons:

****We raised \$35,000 in our Thanksgiving Offering**

****We discussed the open offering December 28. We will be contributing that offering to the Mission Support Fund.**

Sunday, December 14, 2025 @ 9:30 AM, 3rd Sunday of Advent
Preaching: Rev. Mike Pitsenberger

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

*#124 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*#163 As With Gladness Men of Old (v 1-3)

*#625 Doxology

Offerings presented

Profession of Faith: Betsy Veldman

Prayer

Promise Land Dismissed (3 & 4 year olds)

Advent Reading: Ivy, Tristen & Aiden Lickley

Selected Scriptures

Message: What a B—I—R—T—H !

Prayer

Joyful Sounds Choir (K-5th grades) dismissed

Communion

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Behold The Lamb

*Blessing

*Congregation stand if able

There are worship bags for our guests ages 4-4th grade. They are located in the east hallway going towards the nursery. Please return them after the service.

The benevolent offering today is for Camp Beechpoint operating expenses.

**You are invited to the
Children's Christmas Program
tonight at 5:00 PM**

Prayers needed: Don & Lyn Becksford, Bob Dubbink, Bettye Fields, Diane Hyland, Earle Immink, Shanley Kruizenga, Henry & Rose Moore, Mary Nykamp, Eldon Schans, Rick Stob, Terry Zeilenga, Mike Zuverink

Currently residing in assisted living/care facility/confined to home:

Don Becksford, Henry DeWeerd, Arkie Hoekje, Jan Homkes, Jaynet Immink, Leon Klaasen, Carol Lemmen, Virginia Lohman, Eleanor Nyhof, Annie Prinsen, Juella Schrotenboer, Roger & Marcia Slotman, Joan Voorhorst, Terry & Phyllis Zeilenga, Mike & Judy Zuverink

Military Servicemen: 2nd Lt. Kyle DeNeef (Air Force), Major Stephen Stafford (Army), SSG Adam Voorhorst (Army)

This Week's Happenings:

Tuesday—7:00 PM Book Club

Wednesday—5:15 PM Meal—Tacos

—5:45 PM ORC Prayer Group

—6:15 PM Kids Club, Gems, Cadets, JOC

—6:30 PM Celebration Choir

Thursday—10:00 AM College/Career Moms in Prayer

Saturday—6:15 AM Just Men

Sunday Worship 12/21/25—4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM—Worship, Benevolent offering; Al & Lisa Gemmen

11:00 AM—No Sunday School

5:00 PM—Worship

5:00 PM—No Radiate youth group

Upcoming:

Dec 21—Breakfast before worship, No Sunday school or Radiate

Dec 24—No Wednesday night activities

Dec 25—Christmas Worship @ 9:30 AM

Dec 28—No Sunday school or Radiate

Dec 31—No Wednesday night activities

Feb 7—Corn Hole Tournament

April 24-25, 2026—Harvest Network Annual Gathering

Offerings:

Total Offerings (12/7): \$17,430

Online Giving (12/1-12/5): \$6,798

Building Fund balance: \$121,480

Benevolent for Groeneveld's—Alaska Bible (week of 11/30): \$1,652

Monthly balance sheets are available for pick up from the office if you'd like a copy.

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And the
angel said
unto them,
Fear not: for,
behold, I
bring you
good tidings
of great joy,
which shall
be to all
people.

Luke 2:10