

Welcome to Graafschap Church - March 3, 2019 - GEMS Sunday

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." Psalm 95:1-2. Spend a few moments pondering this scripture passage, as you prepare your hearts to enter fully into worship. Come, let us worship the Lord.

MORNING WORSHIP

GATHERING WELCOME & GOD'S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE *Come Thou Fount | Living Hope*

CONFESSION GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES - GEMS LITANY

We Receive Your Blessing | This I Believe

COMMUNITY LIFE MORNING PRAYER

Offering | Graafschap GEMS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | *We Love*

WORD WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:8 | Sermon: "Blessings in Abundance"

RESPONSE *Who You Say I Am*

GOING BENEDICTION | *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

EVENING WORSHIP

GATHERING WELCOME & GOD'S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE *Hosanna (Praise is Rising) | I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

COMMUNITY LIFE EVENING PRAYER

Offering | My Sister's House

WORD *I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-24 | "Whatever!" -Rev. Mark Douglas

RESPONSE *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

GOING BENEDICTION | *I Love to Tell the Story*

Our AM services are televised on Thursdays at 3 pm, Saturdays at 3 am, and Sundays at 12:30 pm. Our PM services are televised on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm, Wednesdays at 3:30 am & 8:00 am, and Sundays at 7:00 pm. Comcast channels are 24 or 916, AT&T U-Verse channel is 99.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Polly Schrottenboer passed away last week Sunday. Her funeral was Thursday. We ask that the Lord will bring comfort and peace to Sharon & Jun Langejans, Sarah & Kelly Vanden Berg and Morgan and the rest of Polly's family.

We rejoice and give praise to the Lord along with Jesse and Shelby Genzink. Recently they were matched with a baby that was soon to be born. And last week Tuesday, February 26, they welcomed Brayden James into the world. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Brayden is healthy and doing great. Give thanks for this blessing!!

John Vander Veen had an ultra sound on his heart last week. He is waiting for the results of that, but in the meantime we pray that this shows good function of the heart and that everything is working as it should.

Phyllis Schrottenboer was in Holland Hospital last week with a blood clot on her leg. She was hoping to be able to return home to Vista Springs by the end of the week. And also Ken Vander Zwaag was in Holland Hospital. Our prayer is that Phyllis and Ken will both experience healing.

Ravina Kruiuzenga's son Chad will be starting radiation and chemo treatment at the end of March for a brain tumor. He has been experiencing some seizure activity that is related to the tumor and so we ask that the Lord will grant healing to him.

We extend our sympathy to Wayne & Hazel Boeve. Hazel's brother in law, Jerry Meeuwsen passed away last week Sunday. There will be a memorial service for Jerry on March 14. Please remember in prayer all those who have lost loved ones recently in our congregation.

Jeannie Schrottenboer continues to recover at Resthaven on 40th Street following an infection on her leg. She is hoping to be able to return home soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GCEOF Soup and Spud Fundraiser: The GCEOF Committee would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who came out and attended the Soup and Spud Supper this past Wednesday! There was a great turnout, and the level of support for this program is something special! Also a huge THANK YOU to all those that helped with the dinner, whether it was organizing the dinner, helping with prep, service, clean up, or anything else that needed to be done. If you placed an order for soup or butter braids to take home, just a reminder to pick these up in the Fellowship Room this week Saturday, March 9 between 10am-1pm. A bulletin announcement will be made after March 9 letting you know how much was raised. Thank you to all for your continued support of GCEOF.

Gather & Grow: You are invited to join us this morning for the Spiritual Gifts discussion on Service and Mercy from 11:00-11:30 am in the East Gathering Room. We will Learn about, Reflect on, and Apply these gifts that we have been given.

Children in grades 1-5 will be making cards this morning. Please meet in the Fellowship Room after the morning service. Sunday School classes will start at 11:00 this morning.

Parents - don't forget to give your kids Sunday School collection for our "Buzzy Bee Bundles."

HSM will meet tonight in the Youth Room from 7:00-9:00 pm. Justin Vikstrom has the meal arrangements.

If your group uses any of the downstairs classrooms during the week could you please remember to put the room back in the condition you found it? Please move tables, chairs, or supplies back to the original order. Thanks so much!

Deacon's Report: 2019 Budget: \$644,309 (\$107,384 YTD)
2019 February Income: \$23,027 (\$52,087 YTD)

WNF Dinner: Pizza

Everyone is welcome to come and support the GEMS and Cadets at Graafschap's Pinewood Derby Night this Wednesday. "Best in Show" voting will begin at 6:20 with the race following at 6:45. Hope to see you there!

Mom's Night Out: Friday, March 8 at 6:00pm. If you didn't get a chance to sign up and still want to come, please just let Sarah Timmerman or Meredith Geurink know as soon as possible. Thanks!!

Seniors: Join us for breakfast at Russ' South on Tuesday, March 12 at 8:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet at the kiosk.

Widow, Widower & Singles Dinner: The deacons are putting on the annual Widow, Widower & Singles Dinner here at church in the Fellowship Room. Join us on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 pm. Please sign up at the kiosk if you plan to attend.

For the month of March the deacons are collecting supplies and food for My Brother's House III.

Sandra McCracken in Concert: Sandra is a prolific songwriter, modern-day hymn writer, and record producer. We sing some of her songs here at Graafschap. Now our friends at Western Theological Seminary have invited us to come worship with her. This free show will be held at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 7 at the Jack Miller Center for Music, Hope College (221 Columbia Avenue).

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING REPORT:

AM Holland Deacons Conference \$395.90

PM Audio Scripture Ministries \$271.00

OFFERINGS NEXT SUNDAY:

AM Graafschap Operating Fund

PM Holland/Zeeland Christian Schools

NURSERY ATTENDANTS THIS SUNDAY:

AM **Pam Scholten**, Jan Busscher

Amber Scholten, Seth Windemuller

PM **Ruth Vikstrom**, Deb Gunnink

NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEXT SUNDAY:

AM **Sheryl Brink**, Tammie Scholten,

Marilyn Sterenberg, Seth Viel

PM **Emily Algera**, Marlene Lubbers

VALET SCHEDULE THIS SUNDAY:

John Vander Veen, Bill Sytsma, Kathryn Mokma

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Darrel Holm, John Vander Veen, Kathryn Mokma

CALENDAR • March 3-9

- SUN.** 9:00 am, Prayer Time, Prayer Room
9:45-11:00 am, YCW
10:45-11:00 am, 1st-5th Grade Card Making, Fellowship Room
11:00-11:30 am, Gather & Grow, East Gathering Room
11:00-11:40 am, Sunday School/Catechism
7:00-9:00 pm, HSM, Youth Room
- MON.** 7:15 pm, Knitting Group, Sonshine Room
7:30 pm, Men's Bible Fellowship, East Fellowship Room
- TUE.** 7:00 pm, Building & Grounds Meeting
- WED.** 9:45-11:00 am, Ladies Bible Study, Sonshine Room
5:30-6:30 pm, WNF Dinner
6:15-8:05 pm, MSM, MOB Event
6:30-7:45 pm, Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
6:45 pm, Pinewood Derby, FLC
6:30-8:00 pm, Ladies Bible Study, Library
- THU.** 1:30 pm, Ladies Aid, Fellowship Room
- FRI.** 6:00 pm, Mom's Night Out, Fellowship Room
- SAT.** 10:00 am-1:00 pm, GCEOF Fundraiser Pick Up, Fellowship Room