

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWS AND NOTICES

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK February 3-9, 2019
Sunday
8:30 AM Prayer Time 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism 5:00 PM Worship Service 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
Monday
9:30 AM Open Pickleball 12:30 PM Open Pickleball 6:00 PM Elders and Deacons Meetings 7:00 PM Revive Meeting (AA) 8:00 PM Council Meeting
Tuesday
5:00 PM Spirit Moves Karate 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
Wednesday
6:30-9:30 AM Open Prayer Time 6:30 AM Men's Promise Keepers 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Open Pickleball 7:00 PM Revive Meeting (AA)
Thursday
12:30 PM Open Pickleball 7:00 PM Women's Book Club at Deb VanderLaan's house 8:15 PM Men's Basketball
Friday
9:30 AM Parents & Preschoolers Open Gym Time 6:00 PM Ladies' Craft Night
Saturday
8 AM-5 PM Upward Basketball Games 9:00 AM Spirit Moves Karate

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who are with us today. May the Lord be praised and our lives renewed as we worship God!

PRAYER CORNER

Be blessed to receive Jesus' healing journey.

"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."

1 Chronicles 4:10

The verses in the Prayer Corner above are part of the healing prayer journey. Join us as we share these verses weekly. Clip them out and post them in a prominent place so you can read them and meditate on the gift God has given us in Jesus during the week.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please include the following people in your personal and family prayers:

- Linda Buit
- Roen Haan
- Brent Hofstra
- Jill Meyers
- Sam Naber
- Sheri Peacock
- Linda Vander Heide
- Bennett Vander Vennen
- Thelma Walcott
- Ben Zandstra
- Our service members:
Brian Smit and Steph Walstra

WORSHIP

This morning, we will celebrate the baptism of **Elizabeth Lynn Van Soelen** and professions of faith of **Ethan Franken and Sawyer Zwyghuizen**. We will continue our series of messages, **“What’s in a Name?”** with our focus on the image of God as “Light” as we study Psalm 27. **This evening**, we will continue a study of the truths found in the Canons of Dort, focusing on being Transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Preparation for Communion: Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and listen to God speak to your heart to prepare you to celebrate communion next week.

Next week: In the morning, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. We will continue our series of messages, **“What’s in a Name?”**. Our focus will be on the image of God as our “Redeemer.” **In the evening, the Singing Crusaders**, a men’s singing group, will lead us in a service of song and praise.

Prayer Opportunity Today: After the morning service, elders and prayer team members will be available to pray with those who desire it. Please respect this time by staying quiet within the sanctuary while prayer is being offered. *“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.”* James 5:14

Save the Date: Join the Community Hymn Sing, featuring Jubal Brass, at 6:45 pm on Sunday, February 24, at Cutlerville East CRC. Please mark your calendar and gather for a time of singing together!

DISCIPLESHIP

Children at the Lord’s Table Class: Any youth discerning their readiness to declare their faith in Jesus should attend this class. It is required for children to participate in the Lord’s Supper. **We will meet in the prayer room TODAY after the morning service.** At least one parent must attend. Please contact Pastor Bob (bboersma@providence-crc.org) with questions or if your child would like to attend.

The Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study will now go to “Plan C”: This Tuesday, February 5, after a shortened discussion period covering Lesson 7, we will watch the video “God of the House”. Thank you for your adaptability!
~ Your one-eyed leader

4:12YOUTH

High School Youth Group

Small groups next week, February 10:

- 9th grade meet in the youth loft
- 10th grade meet at Kuipers
- 11th and 12th grades meet at Hofstras

WINTER RETREAT: Sign up today!!

Our winter retreat with several churches is coming up on February 22-24. This will be a fun, packed weekend of swimming, games, food, and so much more! Our theme for our chapels will be on “God’s Love”. We would love to see everyone go, so we are offering to pay for half of the cost per student. Cost is \$120/student, but you will only pay \$60. **SIGN UP TODAY** and come hang out with us for this fun and spirit-filled weekend!



YBCs (Young Believers in Christ) Middle School Youth Group

TONIGHT: Digging Deeper, 5-6 pm. We will spend some of the time working on our broom ball skills for our SpringHill retreat!

SNOWY DAY: This Saturday, February 9, 2-4 pm. Sledding, snowmen, hot chocolate, crafts, and snacks. 6830 Duncan Shores Lane, Caledonia. ***weather permitting***

Sub Sale going on now! Order forms and money must be handed in to Kaylee by February 10.

There is no large group this month due to mid-winter break.

BIBLE MEMORY CAMP

1st Grade ABCs

Today: *Pray about everything.*

Next week: *In quietness and trust is your strength.*

2nd-5th Grade

This week: Philippians 4:4-8

Next week: Philippians 4:4-8

CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

“Thank you, Providence Church family, for the prayers, care, and meals during Lexi’s pregnancy. Please enjoy a piece of cake following the morning service as we celebrate Elizabeth’s baptism. *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! and that is what we are!”* (1 John 3:1)

Birthday Blessings! Please celebrate those **in our congregation** enjoying a very special birthday this month:

- Senetta Dykstra (February 20)

And in the mission field:

- Katie Wray (turning 16 on February 5)

A HUGE “thank you” from the 4:12 Youth to the congregation for coming up in a big way to provide donations for our Post-High Care Packages! We were able to put together 14 overflowing boxes for those recently graduated from high school and those attending college. It is a great way to be a blessing and we appreciate your help in making this happen!

Haiti Tee Fundraiser: All orders are due



TODAY!! You have the opportunity to purchase t-shirts for yourself and your whole family for \$20 (YM, YL, Adult S-XL) or \$22 (XXL/XXXL)

each. If you’d like to support our youth and their leaders in this way, see one of the youths that are going. Every shirt sold to Providence family members will be split amongst all the individuals going, so it doesn’t matter who you order it through. If you don’t want to order a shirt, will you please commit to pray for each of them as they raise the money needed to go and that God will prepare their hearts for the work they will do? Thank you so much!

Open Pickleball is this Wednesday, February 6, at 7 pm. All are welcome, feel free to bring friends! Questions? Call Mark Stob at 616-862-6093.

Women’s Book Club meets this week Thursday, February 7, at 7 pm at Deb VanderLaan’s house (8314 Rockledge Way Drive, Byron Center).

Please remember to pray for, support, and reach out to our missionaries. They are the Grimbergs, Lees, Martins, Neeleys, Spalinks, Wakitavis, and Wrays.

CARE AND FELLOWSHIP (CONTINUED)

Ladies, please join us for a craft night this week Friday, February 8, 6 pm-12 am. Take along your scrapbooking, knitting, card making, or any other craft project you're working on. Snacks to share are also a great idea! Please enter through the 'B' doors by the gym. Any questions? Ask Laura Greenwood (616-309-3951).

Directory Updates: Justin Koning's correct phone number is 616-295-7517, Also, **Marc and Kelly Schra** have moved. Their new address is:

3852 Sunchase Avenue
Hudsonville MI 49426

Please note these changes in your hard copy directories.

Love to knit or crochet? We need you!

We have been gifted a large amount of yarn and need help making the prayer shawls that we donate. Each shawl we make takes 35-40 hours to complete. Please join us the 3rd Monday evening of each month (October-May), or you can work on them at home! Yarn is provided. Contact Hilda Althouse (ghalthus1@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer your help.

IF Table: Ladies, mark your calendars for 7 pm on Friday, February 22, and make plans to join us at our next IF Table night! A link will be sent soon for online sign-ups, or you can add your name to the list in the fellowship hall. Please sign up by the 17th.

Giving Statements: The giving statements for 2018 were in your mailboxes recently. If you have questions about them, please contact your district deacon or one of the executive deacons.

Save the Date: Saturday, March 16, is our 4:12 Youth Auction. Come out for a fun evening, some bidding wars, food, fun and fellowship! Friends and family outside



of Providence are invited as well! If you have an item, service, or cash you would like

to donate, please fill out a donation form and place in Vonnie Verduin's box or contact her at 616-554-0364 or cnv2005@att.net. We would love donations of all kinds. Thank you for your support!

Kitchen Reminder: If you plan to use either kitchen with your church rental or for a ministry purpose, please contact Jan Boersma at 616-334-4851 to receive proper training on the equipment if you haven't already. Thank you!

Providence Help Board: If you are seeking employment or someone to hire, want to buy or sell, looking to rent or have something to rent, please contact Pam in the office (616-698-7930) and she can post your items or needs on the "Providence Help" bulletin board in the fellowship hall (between classrooms 2 and 3).

Streams of Hope, the food pantry we partner with, needs clean plastic shopping bags. It's an ongoing need, so please save your items and bring them to church when you can! There is a box in the fellowship hall to leave your donation. Your assistance is always very appreciated!

REVIVE: Do you struggle with alcohol or drug abuse? Join us in our loft Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 pm for **open AA meetings**. Steve Huizinga coordinates the meetings (616-299-8809). *Please pray God uses this ministry.*

Body image and self-esteem start in the mind, not in the mirror. Low self-esteem is more than an unpleasant feeling; it takes a toll on our relationships and our lives. Changing the way you think and respond can help you enjoy life more fully, and help from our Church Assistance Program (CAP) is available. Simply call 616-455-6210 or 800-442-0809 to make your free, confidential appointment.

OUTREACH

Reaching out through life-giving relationships within our community.

Missions Spotlight

Ben and Christy Spalink

City Grace Church (NYC)

Upward Volunteer Opportunity: We need a few extra hands to fill Upward Goodie Bags on Thursday, February 7, from 9-11 am. It's a simple way to help bless players and serve this exciting ministry behind the scenes! ☺ Contact Pastor JB (jwernlund@providence-crc.org) if you can help. Thanks!

Our next Refuel Night is Wednesday, February 13. The meal will be provided by our **CEM Committee**, with proceeds going toward the tuition costs of our members who choose Christian Education for their children. GEMS, Cadets, Wellness Class, nursery, and KidzClub start at 6:30 pm. ***This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to join us!*** #loveyourneighbor

HAND 2 HAND

Below is the current shopping list for our hand2hand kids. Thank you for continuing to support this program with your donations and prayers. ***You make a huge difference for these kids!***

- boxes of jiffy pizza crust mix
- 8 oz canned pizza sauce
- pepperoni packs
- small peanut butter plastic jars
- boxes of spaghetti noodles
- cans of spaghetti sauce (no glass)
- rice cake packets
- pancake mix (made with water)
- bacon bits
- can chicken (12.5 oz)
- individual cereal boxes



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