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Faithfulness
springs up from the ground, and
righteousness
looks down from the sky.

Psalm 85:11 ESV



PRAYING FOR THOSE NOT WALKING IN FAITH

BY EMILY VANDEN HEUVEL

In my studies for our current sermon series, I have come across some wonderful resources and articles put out by ReFrame Ministries (formerly The Back to God Hour) that I thought would be worth passing on to you over the next few months. I hope you are as blessed as I have been! - Pastor Ken

Is it appropriate to pray for God's promises, gifts, and grace for someone who isn't following Jesus Christ? You may have asked another version of this question: "Does God listen to prayers offered on behalf of those who don't have faith?" My short answer for both of those questions is **yes**. Scripture encourages us to pray for all people and reminds us that God gives his gifts of life and provision even to those who do not love him. **God listens to our prayers for others, regardless of their spiritual status. Here are some examples of this promise from scripture:** *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to know the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4).*

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Aren't even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? (Matthew 5:43-47).

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the church elders to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:13-16).

God hears every word

When we pray, we have a beautiful, mysterious, and powerful connection with God. We pour out our hopes, fears, and dreams, and we trust that God hears every word. But prayer isn't just about talking to God; it's also about listening to his leading and noticing his comforting presence. As we listen, we may hear how God wants us to pray. When we lift unbelievers in prayer, we can say, "God, I care about this person, and I trust you to work in their life, even if they haven't quite found their way to you yet." I align my prayers and heart to remember that God extends his grace and mercy even to those who don't acknowledge him. In my own life, I pray often for a good friend who is an atheist. I pray for his safety and for more opportunities to talk with him about my faith. I pray that the door to faith will remain open for him.

Praying through grace

Ultimately, our prayers for those who are not walking in obedience to God are fueled by love. We entrust them to God, hoping they accept the gift of God's grace. I'm thankful this gift is not limited to those who've figured it all out. His love goes beyond our understanding, reaching out to believers and non-believers alike.

Admittedly, praying for someone who isn't living out their faith can feel like we are asking a favor for someone who has yet to earn it. But maybe that's where the real power of prayer comes in. It's not about earning anything; by definition, none of us deserve grace! Rather, God calls us his children and gives us the privilege to come to him, our heavenly Father, with all of our requests. We trust in God's goodness and his ability to work miracles in lives and hearts, even in the heart of my atheist friend.

God Knows

As I pray for others, I trust in God's grace. Pastor Tim Keller beautifully speaks about God's grace and care in his book *Prayer*: "When you struggle in prayer, you can come before God with confidence that he is going to give you what you would have asked for if you knew everything he knows. He does care, and he loves you boundlessly" (p. 229).

God invites us to bring every aspect of our lives to him in prayer. God knows our exact needs, and the needs of the people we pray for—even if we don't. May we cultivate a combination of trusting in God's perfect plan and actively expressing our love and concern for others through prayer. May we also continue to boldly approach God's throne with our prayers, even the prayers for those who do not know him.

Graduation Celebration

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

Logan Groenink graduated from Allendale Christian School Kindergarten. What he liked most about Kindergarten was Math, because it's fun. Logan is looking forward to First Grade and going to field days. He also loves art class.



MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kirsten Keegstra graduated from Allendale Christian School. She is planning on going to Unity Christian in the fall. Kirsten said her favorite thing about middle school was the people. She is looking forward to shop class, band, and new experiences in High School.

Grady Kuzee graduated from Allendale Christian School. He is looking forward to attending Unity Christian in the fall. Grady's favorite memories in middle school is going to Grace Adventure camp with his friends and having a great time engaging with other people that he doesn't talk to as much. One thing Grady is looking forward to in High School is engaging with new people that he has never met in his life.

Braidyn Nienhouse graduated from Allendale Christian School. He is looking forward to attending Unity Christian in the fall.

Logan Vander Wal graduated from Allendale Middle School. He is looking forward to attending Allendale Public School in the fall. Some of Logan's favorite memories from middle school are the field trips to Chicago to see Les Miserables and to Craig's Cruisers. He is also looking forward to joining the marching band in high school.



“But the Lord is the one who is marching before you! He is the one who will be with you! He won't let you down. He won't abandon you. So don't be afraid or scared!”

DEUTERONOMY 31:8



SENIOR
CLASS OF
2026

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trevor Keegstra graduated from Unity Christian. He is planning on attending Calvin University focusing on Engineering. Trevor's favorite memories at Unity included enjoying band, shop and computer science classes. He liked talking and playing card games with friends during break. He also enjoyed working at Allendale Christian School.

Brooke Kraker graduated High School at the Kraker Christian Home School program. She is not planning on continuing any formal education. Some of Brooke's favorite memories in High School were performing in HPA's Fiddler on the Roof and Horizons of Gold as well as getting to go on a SERVE mission trip in Grand Rapids. Brooke enjoys dancing for God's glory, organizing outreach performances, musical theater, and getting together with her friends. She is glad to be finished with her formal education and is looking forward to full-time employment while watching God unfold His plans for her future.

Colton Sytsema graduated from Unity Christian. He is planning on attending Grand Valley State University in the fall in the Biomedical Sciences program. Colton's favorite memories from high school was spending time with friends, Friday night football and the basketball games. He also enjoyed making friends in class.





Council Minutes

APRIL
2026

Present: Pastor Ken, Russ Geurink, Keegan Morren, Dave Vollink, Kris Keegstra, Dale Knoper, Ken Knoper, John Broene, Lee Scholma, Rodg Brower, Mike Wohlford, Kurt Schurman, Ed Goen, Duke Busman
Absent: Bob Knoper

1. Ed Goen opened with devotions and prayer
2. Approve Council minutes of March 3, 2026 MSA
3. Motion to reduce the number of elders and deacons to 5 each MSA
4. Motion to select a deacon first then add remaining name to the elder pool if they are willing MSA
5. Discussion on the car show/picnic
 - a. John B to provide the food
 - b. The committee will work on budget items
6. Pastor Ken's monthly report read for info
7. Joel's monthly report read for info
8. Tech Committee
 - a. Concerns of damage to equipment in the sanctuary. Possibly have the safety committee keep an eye on it after the service
 - b. The sound equipment issues to be addressed
 - c. We need an agreement with Young Life on who is responsible for damaged and missing items. Interim Committee to work on a contract.
9. Proposed budget for 26-27 discussed and passed
 - a. Motion for all Staff salary's and compensations to be in a group form and not itemized MSA
10. Discussion to possibly sell the church van. Deacons to check on cost of insurance
11. Building and Grounds committee to save approx. \$2,000 on lawn and snow removal
12. Motion to approve all committee reports MSA
13. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter from Degage referred to the deacons
 - b. Letter from Ivanrest Church read for info
14. Round Table:
 - a. How are we doing with follow up on visitors
 - b. Congregational meeting agenda, motions and nominations need to be published for info
15. Lee Scholma closed with prayer
16. Next meeting May 5 after the Congregational meeting

**First Allendale CRC
Monthly Financial Report
April 30, 2026**

Beginning Checking Balance **\$98,292.19**
Ending Checking Balance **\$73,959.97**

Revenue	April	Year-To-Date	Budget	Remaining
General Fund Collections	\$19,670.00	\$282,051.00	\$386,096.00	\$104,045.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$70.88	\$500.00	\$429.12
Total Revenue	\$19,670.00	\$282,121.88	\$386,596.00	\$104,474.12

Expenses				
Facilities	\$20,469.64	\$76,056.65	\$106,500.00	\$30,443.35
Worship and Music	\$1,236.75	\$9,840.36	\$10,200.00	\$359.64
Education	\$0.00	\$796.70	\$3,500.00	\$2,703.30
Activities	\$361.55	\$6,183.22	\$6,800.00	\$616.78
Staff	\$23,545.28	\$180,063.30	\$215,301.00	\$35,237.70
Total Expenses	\$45,613.22	\$272,940.23	\$342,301.00	\$69,360.77

General Fund Income/Loss **-\$25,943.22** **\$9,181.65** **\$44,295.00** **\$35,113.35**

Reserved Funds Activity \$1,611.00 **(\$27,197.62)** **(\$38,970.00)** **(\$11,772.38)**
Total Income/Loss from All Activity **-\$24,332.22** **-\$18,015.97** **\$5,325.00** **\$23,340.97**

Reserved Fund Balances	
Restricted Bequests	\$29,834.36
Building Maintenance	\$24,507.14
Christian Education Tuition Assistance	\$16,935.62
Causes	\$3,637.00
Ministry Shares	\$3,099.17
Total Reserved Funds	\$78,013.29

General Funds Available **-\$4,053.32**

Barnabas Accounts	
Ministries Fund	\$84,991.24
General Reserve	\$116,958.01
Building Maintenance	\$43,774.40
Total Barnabas Funds	\$245,723.65

80+ Birthday Club

Lois Van Wiene, 83 years young on June 8

Harley Broene, 86 years young on June 27

Celebrating
50
YEARS



Ron & Nancy Nykamp, 57 years on June 19



DOOR CLOSED. Sitting at my gate in Dallas waiting to fly home and I just watched a woman miss boarding her plane by sixty seconds. FAA



has a rule once door is shut it doesn't open. I felt bad for her but she is now on outside looking in. I've been there and

only missed one flight in my life.

I'm reminded some will miss Heaven by twelve inches. They had Jesus in their head but not in their life. Sadly, Hell is too long to be wrong. Once the Door to Heaven is closed it's too late. May we be RIGHT with God now so we aren't eternally left out. Its one thing to miss a flight but its night and day to miss After-Life.

HAPPY
Father's
Day

Remember this Dads

If a man comes to know Jesus, his family will follow him to church 93% of the time.

If a woman comes to know Jesus, her family will follow her 17% of the time.

Did you know that couples who pray together every day out loud, only 1 in 1,152 couples will be divorced. This is to be led by the man, and why? Because God has designed men to lead no matter what culture tells you. The most manly thing you can do is kneel at the foot of the cross, to say I surrender everything to you, Jesus, and then to lead your family to do the same thing. It's going to start with you. So the number one calling on your life is to fall madly in love with Jesus and the number 2 is to show it to your family. This isn't just impacting your marriage, this is impacting Generation after Generation after Generation. Are you going to answer the call? God is calling you to lead today, and that starts at submission under the authority of Jesus Christ. If you need help with how to begin, contact Pastor Ken.



DID YOU KNOW....

THAT if you mention our Church when checking out at Gordon Food Service, our church earns points that accumulate and can be redeemed later for food/paper products? For example, our church can use them at the GEMS/Cadets family dinner or the VBS wrap-up supper! So please, don't forget to mention our church the next time you shop at Gordon Food Service!

THAT We enter life with an inhale; we excite life with an exhale. In-between, we live for those moments that take our breath away.

THAT Annabell Kruithoff and Reka Mesbergen played together this year on the Unity Christian JV Softball team. It was a great season and they are probably looking forward to next year!



THAT God's purpose for fathers is to reflect His heavenly character by providing, protecting, and leading their families in faith.

THAT Kristi Kruithoff is honored to have been asked to open and be the Program Director of a brand new location for Hope Unexpected at Grand Rapids East. She will also have many positions to fill, so if you might be interested, talk to Kristi. Congratulations on this new opportunity.



THAT Dean Bennett has moved to 2900 Thornhills Ave. Room 206 in Grand Rapids. I'm sure he would love to have a visit!

It's not what you know, it's what you do with what you know.

THAT this beautiful 5 generation picture was taken last month at Julie



DeVries' Father-in-law, Nelson DeVries', 100th birthday celebration.

What a heritage! This will be a cherished picture. Nelson passed away this week. Sympathies to Julie and her extended family.

THAT we are still missing Information Sheets and pictures for several people in church. We would like to get the picture directory done within the month, so PLEASE turn your information in to Eileen Moelker's box ASAP. If you would like your picture taken, contact Nancy Pleune. THANK YOU!



THAT Hiking in your 60's is a great way to meet people. Today I met 2 paramedics, 3 nurses, a cardiologist and almost met Jesus!

Science says we need these
4 basic elements
To Survive:

Water
Air
Food
Light

And look what the Bible tells us about
Jesus:

"I am the living water"
"I am the breath of life"
"I am the bread of life"
"I am the light of the world"

Science was right, we need Jesus to
live!



"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

II Cor. 9:6-8

Offerings for JUNE 2026:

June 7	Family Life Center
June 14	Missions
June 21	Christian Education
June 28	Love INC

Family Life Center of West Michigan:

A local ministry that assists young girls with unexpected pregnancies providing love, housing, Pregnancy support, food, and baby items.

Missionary Support:

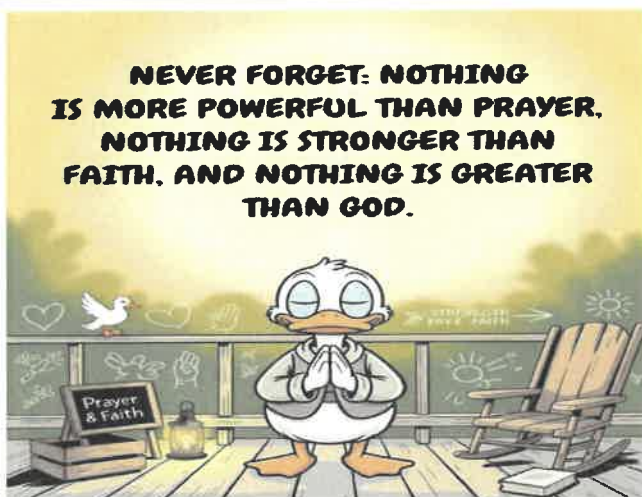
Direct financial support for our missionaries both in Home Missions and World Missions.

Christian Education Tuition Assistance:

This offering goes to offset tuition costs for families of First CRC of Allendale choosing Christian Education for their children. Assistance is available for K-12th grades.

Love In The Name of Christ:

A local organization where staff and volunteers are there to provide real assistance as witnesses of Christ by being a connecting link between churches and people with unmet physical, emotional and spiritual needs.



A Prayer for Father's Day

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day, we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families and the ways, both big and small, they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So, too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent - grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, clergy and coaches - and the women of our families. For those of us who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Please give us the strength to do well by our children and by you. In your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.



Humility

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Day 1: Deuteronomy 8:3

Day 2: Job 1:20-21

Day 3: Psalm 25:8-10

Day 4: Psalm 139:23-24

Day 5: Proverbs 3:7-8

Day 6: Proverbs 8:12-13

Day 7: Proverbs 15:31-33

Day 8: Proverbs 16:18-19

Day 9: Proverbs 27:1-2

Day 10: Proverbs 29:23

Day 11: Jeremiah 9:23-24

Day 12: Micah 6:8

Day 13: Matthew 6:1-4

Day 14: Matthew 6:5-6

Day 15: Matthew 16:24-26

Day 16: Matthew 18:1-4

Day 17: Mark 10:43b-45

Day 18: Luke 14:10-11

Day 19: Luke 18:11-14

Day 20: John 3:28-31

Day 21: Romans 12:3-4

Day 22: Romans 12:10, 16

Day 23: 1 Corinthians 10:11-12

Day 24: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Day 25: Galatians 6:14-15

Day 26: Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 27: Ephesians 4:1-3

Day 28: Philippians 2:3-4

Day 29: Philippians 2:5-8

Day 30: Colossians 3:18-20

Day 31: 1 Peter 5:5-6

This unique scripture writing plan includes 31 days of scripture, so you can use it during any month. We recommend reading for context first, then writing each day's verses in a notebook or our faith journal. Feel free to make this study your own by reading each passage aloud, highlighting or color-coding important words, or jotting down questions for further research.



WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

PUZZLE

REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

RIGHT TO LIFE ESSAY

By Colton Sytsema

Advocating for the prolife movement has been a moral which shapes my entire world view. It has made me realize that it is not just about me and that if I want to make a change, I must step up and stand on what I believe. Being a part of this movement has given me courage

CHOOSE
life

and pride in what I believe, and that has extended beyond my beliefs about abortion. Now that I have been a part of this movement and have a deep understanding of what it means to fight and defend your beliefs. When I am at work and a topic life abortion gets brought up, I am no longer afraid to say how I feel. While yes, it is important to do so in a kind way; it is just as important to be very clear about how you feel. Standing on what I believe has earned me respect from the people whom I wanted it most. I no

longer fold under pressure when someone pushes back on my beliefs, I stand my ground and tell them what I believe and why. I feel much more confident when defending by beliefs, and I credit to that to being prolife. Abortion is a topic that people get very upset about very quickly. That 'extremity' has made me feel more comfortable when talking about other issues that I have a strong opinion about. I truly am grateful for the experiences that have come with these opinions. While no, not everyone agrees with me or loves my opinions, it is worth the potential risk to a relationship in hopes to save an unborn life. I find it to be an invaluable experience to have someone push back your beliefs and force you to understand why you believe what you do. This pushback is when you decide what kind of person you are, someone who stands on what they believe, or someone who allows others to influence who they are. Standing on what you believe is the start to a peaceful life. This is because when you do not let your opinions become situational, you live your life in a morally correct way, following your morals and sticking to your word, it is guaranteed that you will be satisfied with your life. This is because you will be able to look back and know for a fact that you lived by your word and the morals that guide you, and that you made a difference, one conversation at a time.



...loving the LORD your God,
obeying him, and holding
fast to him; for that
means life to you and
length of days...

Deuteronomy 30:20. MRSV



Life. The Other Choice!

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When the Unthinkable...Happens (humanlife.org)

In today's world, chemical abortions are often described as safe, simple, private, and convenient. Nothing could be further from the truth. But what is never discussed is: "What happens after a mother takes the abortion drugs?" Put simply, the baby is starved to death when Mifepristone cuts off the baby's nutrition and then labor is induced by Misoprostol to empty the womb.

Most chemical abortions are done outside of a medical facility, and the human remains, blood, and residual pharmaceuticals are usually disposed of by flushing them down the toilet. They flow into a wastewater system NOT designed to test for or remove human remains and medical bio-waste before the wastewater is released back into the environment.

We are living in a time where pharmaceuticals and "reproductive healthcare" are not only impacting individuals—but also communities, infrastructure, and even the environment.

In Sumter County, S. Carolina, authorities began an investigation after a 6-inch fetus was discovered at a local water treatment plant. Workers made the unsettling discovery during routine operations, prompting law enforcement to step in and determine what had happened and where the remains came from. This isn't speculation anymore. This isn't a hypothetical scenario used to provoke and emotion. This is a REAL event—one that forces us to pause and ask deeper questions about what kind of society we want to live in.

Join us for our Annual 5k Walk/Run
Where: City on a Hill, 100 Pine Street, Zeeland, MI
When: Saturday, May 16th
Registration: 9:30am
Walk begins: 10:00am

Instructions:

1. Use the pledge sheet to gather pledges. One person/family per pledge sheet. **(a pledge sheet can be downloaded at www.rtlhofholland.org or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page).**
2. Wear a prolife shirt!!
3. Pay the day of the walk; \$30 per person or \$60 per family (children under 15 MUST have a parent/guardian - 18 years or older) is require if you do NOT have any pledges.
4. Registration begins at 9:30am at City on a Hill - bring your pledge sheet and any money you have collected.
5. The approximate 3 mile walk will begin at 10am after prayer. You will be walking on the sidewalks or if you choose to run, you may do so on the side of the road. **Both options are at your own risk!**
6. Light luncheon will be served after the event at City on a Hill in the conference room to the right of the Café.
7. If you have a conflict with May 16th you may still participate by walking at your convenience.

Questions? Call Ann at 616.396.1037



2026 Annual Focus on Life Dinner

When: Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Where: The Pinnacle Center

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm



Guest Speaker:

Lydia Taylor Davis— Lydia is a Christian pro-life activist, social media influencer, and national spokesperson for Students for Life of America.

Based in North Carolina, she first gained recognition as president of Campbell University's Students for Life chapter - where she became known statewide as "the pro-life girl" - and later won a widely attended campus abortion debate in 2023.

Lydia is known for her pro-life content on TikTok, reaching tens of millions and educating Gen Z on the truth about abortion.

Her investigative videos exposing late-term abortion facilities have surpassed 50 million views across platforms. She has been featured on Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, ABC, Newsmax, the BBC and more.

This night is a great opportunity for teens and young adult to feel inspired!

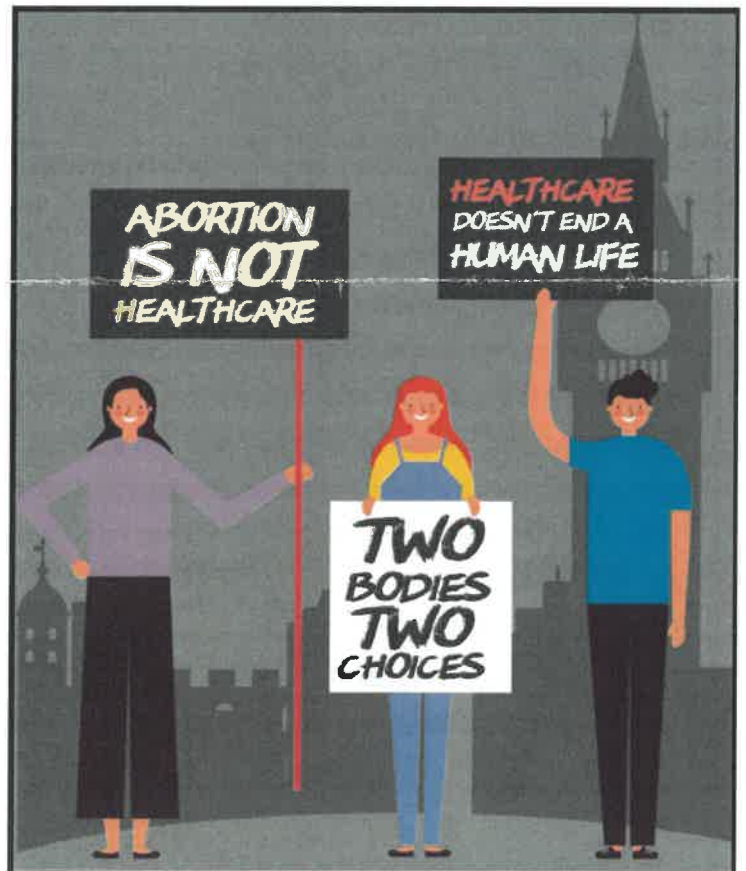
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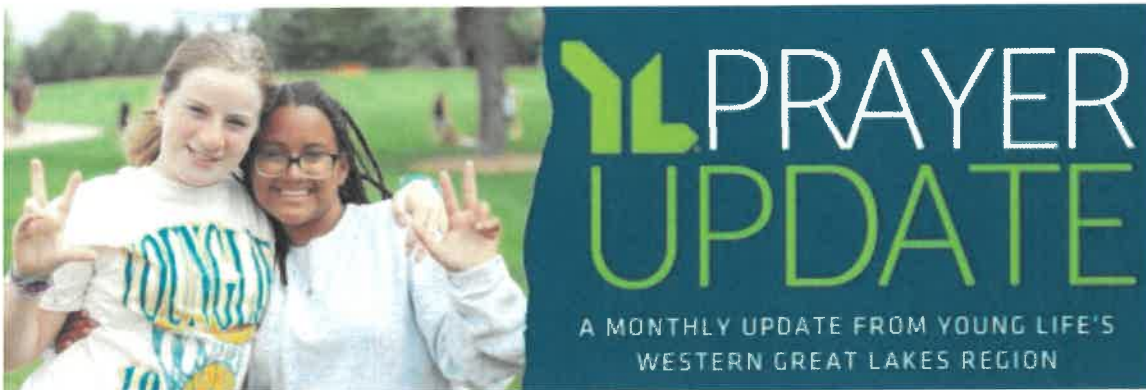


~ **May 16th** - Annual Walk/Run will be held at City on a Hill in Zeeland 9am-Noon.

~ August 24-29—Hudsonville Fair (volunteers needed)

~ **October 20th** - Annual Focus on Life Dinner with guest speaker Lydia Taylor. She is a pro-life activist, social media influencer, and national spokesperson for Students for Life of America.





May 2026

Countdown to Summer Edition

Dear Partners in Ministry,

May arrives with a sense of anticipation, as the countdown to summer finally feels real. The days grow longer, the air warmer, and there's a natural pause to reflect on all that has unfolded throughout the school year. It's a time to look back with gratitude, especially for the ways the Lord has worked through leaders - guiding decisions, strengthening relationships, and pointing students to Jesus. Moments of challenge became opportunities for growth, and small acts of faithfulness added up to something far greater than anyone could have planned. Although the school year is winding down, our leaders and staff are anticipating our main event - Young Life SUMMER CAMP!



We invite you to pray with us as we wrap up another amazing school year, celebrating all that we've seen God do in the lives of teenagers. Ways to pray:

- Our college leaders will be taking their final exams. Pray that they would finish strong and with peace from the Lord.
- Area clubs will be wrapping up. Pray that leaders would give it their all and pursue relationships to the end.
- In a little over a month, buses full of teenagers and leaders will head to summer camps across the country! Pray for leaders to continue chasing kids who haven't signed up yet. Pray for the Lord to work in ways we couldn't imagine in the lives of kids as they encounter the love of their Heavenly Father. **Summer prayer guide coming soon!**



Greater Holland Area Volunteer Leaders

Ministry Spotlight

Below is a picture from Little Traverse Bay's recent Dominican Republic spring break trip with Young Life Expeditions. This picture holds so many answers to prayer, and it is amazing to see God work in each person's life uniquely. Two of the students who said yes to this trip are students who God put on my heart to start praying for 2 years ago. One student on the trip doesn't follow Jesus (yet), but had a dream of talking to God in the DR. When she told her Young Life leader this, she did everything possible to make this trip a reality for her. The conversations we were able to have, the relationships we built and the experiences we had will shape our lives as we continue to walk with God.

-Mia Rhudy (Area Director, Little Traverse Bay)



Thank you for being such an important part of this mission. Your support, encouragement, and especially your prayers have meant more than words can express. As we wrap up another school year of ministry, we are deeply grateful for the way you have walked alongside us, lifting up both the students and our staff/leaders. We've seen lives changed, hearts encouraged, and seeds planted, and we know that none of it would be possible without faithful partners like you.

Chris Theule

Regional Director

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May 11, 2026

Dear Church Families,

I'm very excited to introduce myself as the new Regional Advancement Officer for Rehoboth Christian School! My name is Matt Sytsma, and my role is to encourage support for Rehoboth by connecting with individual supporters, and by promoting Rehoboth in churches like yours. I look forward to the possibility of worshiping with you during a service and giving a brief update, presenting to missions teams, or leading an adult Sunday school with a more in-depth look into the Rehoboth Community.

I grew up in West Michigan and reside on the west side of Grand Rapids with my wife Ellie and our two boys. After attending high school at Unity Christian, I received my bachelor's degree in pre-seminary studies at Kuyper College. Feeling a calling to serve in church ministry, I spent over a decade working in churches with my main focus being worship ministries. I love using my musical gifts to help lead worship and grow the spiritual life of the people of God. When I'm not working, I enjoy being outside as much as possible. You can find me going on a long-distance run, taking my motorcycle out when the weather is nice, camping up north, or going on a hike with my family. I'm also an aspiring avid reader and may ask you for a book recommendation!

My introduction to the Rehoboth community started, probably similar to many of yours, with a trip out to New Mexico to volunteer. My family and I went down in May of 2024, and though I did pretty simple things like paint lines in the parking lot, I was awestruck at the beauty of the desert landscape and community. As I learned more about Rehoboth, it was evident that God has been faithfully present through the ages, and He guides others to faithfully support this ministry.

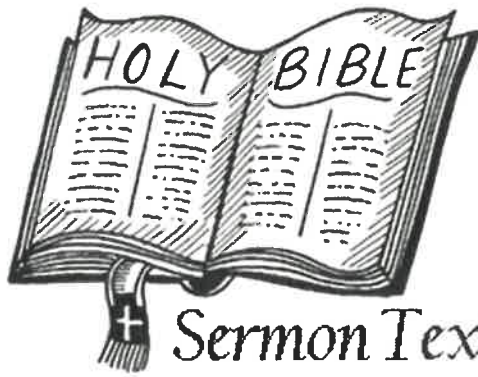
Thank you for being a part of the Rehoboth family through your prayers and support. Please reach out if you have any specific ideas on how I can connect with your church community to share what is going on at Rehoboth. I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Blessings,

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JUNE 2026

Sermon Text

June 7 -

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: "8. Walking with God in Our Speech"
 Text: James 3:1-12
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: "10. Eternal Relationships"
 Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20



June 14 -

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: "9. Walking with God in Vigilance"
 Text: Proverbs 4:18-27
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: "11. Eternal Anticipation"
 Text: 1 Peter 1:3-12



June 21 -

FATHER'S DAY

AM Guest Pastor: Rev. Jim Busscher PM Guest Pastor:

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: "Forgiveness: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve"
 Text: Genesis 5:15-21
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: ""
 Text:

June 28 -

AM Guest Pastor: Rev Jim Busscher PM Guest Pastor:

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: "The Battle Within"
 Text: Romans 7:14-25
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: ""
 Text:



SCHEDULES FOR JUNE 2026

Summer TLC:

June 7 – Kay Schout, Cheri Geurink, Lachlan Bosma
June 14 – Gwyn Ellens, Jan Mohr,
June 21 – Alison Vroegop, Dora Busman, Lachlan Bosma
June 28 – Annabelle Kruithoff, Ellie Scholma, Clara Kruithoff



NURSERY:

June 7 – Gwyn Ellens, Jennie Keegstra
June 14 – Judy DeVries, Kyleah Brower, Clara Kruithoff
June 21 – Shelley Bosch, Alison Vroegop, Annabelle Kruithoff
June 28 – Danni Kraker, Jennie Keegstra



LIBRARY:

June 7 – Julie DeVries
June 14 – Nellie Scholma
June 21 – Lois Van Wienen
June 28 – Elaine Christrup



VALET PARKING/GREETERS:

June 7 – Jerry & Sharon Berghorst
June 14 – Jon & Jean Christensen
June 21 – Bob & Judy Knoper
June 28 – Bern & Nellie Scholma



OPEN/CLOSE

June 7 – Judy Knoper
June 14 – Bern Scholma
June 21 – Jon Vander Wal
June 28 – Lee Scholma



Audio/Visual

June 7 – Bob Knoper, Jon Vander Wal
June 14 – Kevin Dyke, Keegan Morren
June 21 – Brent Schrottenboer, Jon Vander Wal
June 28 – Peter Keegstra, Trevor Keegstra



Safety

June 7 – AM: Team #2 PM:
June 14 – AM: Team #3 PM: Judy
June 21 – AM: Team #4 PM: Judy
June 28 – AM: Team #1 PM:



THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

June

CELEBRATING AN
Anniversary



Madelyn Broene	4	
Phil Moelker	4	Gary & Dar Oom
Jedidiah Kruithoff	5	
	7	
Lois VanWienen	8	
McKenna Ellens	9	
	11	Rodg & Laurie Brower
	12	
	14	Kevin & Melissa Bosma
Judy Knoper	17	
	19	Ron & Nancy Nykamp
	22	
	23	Kevin & Shelley Bosch
Jackson Kuzee	24	
	25	
Harley Broene	27	
Gary Oom	28	
Kurt Schurman	29	

God sends His servants as
beacons to shine in the
darkness, to give courage to
the weary and to bring hope
that will sustain through all
of life's storms.





2026 Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 † Council	3	4	5 † GEMS counselor retreat departure	6 † GMB—Voices of Victory † CRCG—Singing Hims	
7 † GEMS counselor retreat returning	8	9	10	11	12	13 † Brooke's Open House † GMB—Joyful Sound Quartet
14 	15	16	17	18	19 † Red Cross Blood Drive † GMB—Hymn Sing	20 † CRCG—The Chitans † GMB—Blue Grass Festival
21 	22	23	24	25 †	26	27 † GMB—The Padgett's † CRCG—The King's Brass
28	29	30 † Interim Comm.				