

The Gift of Joy



This gift of joy is to remind us of the joyful news we are called to share.

December 15, 2024
10 a.m. Worship Service
Cadillac Christian Reformed Church
WWW.CADCRC.ORG

WELCOME

Good Morning and Welcome to Cadillac CRC! Today is the third Sunday of Advent! If you are a visitor or a regular member, you are invited to join us after the service for coffee, juice, snacks and fellowship.

We hope you are taking your gift box from worship home with you to display as a reminder of the gift for the week. There is a sticker in the box to affix to it to display as well and the verse is meant to be your verse of the week. If you missed the first Sunday (HOPE) there are a few extra at the welcome center.

WORSHIP

Sunday 10 AM

Pastor Kurt Selles

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Sermon: "For I Am With You"

OUR FAMILY

This week please pray for:

- ◇ Joey DeRuiter
- ◇ Mel Robison's Dad
- ◇ Hank VanderVelde
- ◇ Lawson Wistinghausen
- ◇ Cadillac CRC Pastor Search
- ◇ Many others with ongoing concerns

OUR GIFTS

Our tithes and offerings are for the General Fund of CCRC with an additional special offering designation each week. Please give at www.cadcrc.org/give, drop your offering in the plate on Sunday, or mail your gift to Cadillac CRC, P.O. Box 187, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Our Special Offering today is for for New Hope Center Your gift will help further our ability to offer the love and hope of Christ, through temporary emergency housing, to those in our community who are in desperate circumstances. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this vital service that we provide. We pray that God will richly bless you.

Next week our special designated offering is for Benevolence

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Sing for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done this; shout aloud, you earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel. Isaiah 44:23

CCRC PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

Please pray for Joey DeRuiter. Joey had hip surgery. Pray for a full recovery.

Please pray for Mel Robinson and family. Mel's Dad was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer and was put on hospice care.

Please pray for Hank VanderVelde as he recovers from a fall.

Please continue to pray for Lawson Wistinghausen with his fight with cancer. We pray for relief from pain and a miracle.

Please pray for Lori Snyder's son in law, Bob and his continued health issues.

Pray for our church as we continue the search for our next pastor.

Please remember those with ongoing health concerns: Chris Boven (Dave & Kathy's son), Mary Bretschneider, Dave Ellens, Karen Ferris, The Klimp family, Judy Nydam, Phil & Sandy Stark, Teresa VanHouten, Bev Waltz, Jean Webster, Lawson Wistinghausen, Sandi Wistinghausen.



Special Offering Schedule

December 15	New Hope Shelter
December 22	Benevolence
December 29	Salvation Army Warming
January 5	World Renew

Recent Special Offering

November 17	Healing Private Wounds	\$120.00
November 24	Benevolence	\$260.00
December 1	Project Cane Fire	\$618.00
December 8	Sleep In Heavenly Peace	\$285.00

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRIES

Our **pastoral search** is starting up again. The Search Team is made up of Ron Sneller as chair, as well as Emily Jo Mulder-Ruetz, Lisa Jacobson, Peg Baas, and Dave Van Houten; plus Glen Van Antwerp as Council representative. Please pray for this group as they begin this important work.

Interim Pastor Council has engaged Jonathan Gerstner to be our Interim Pastor at Cadillac CRC. He will serve all of January through March, 2025. Jonathan is a former seminary professor and a retired CRC minister. He now lives in Brazil. His wife, Sonia, is a native of Brazil and has never seen snow! They are excited to come to Cadillac and are looking forward to sharing in our ministry here. Dave and Judy Porter have graciously offered their home to the Gerstners while Porters head to Florida for a few months.

Christmas Eve Service - Celebration in Song and Scripture - plan now to attend the Christmas Eve service here at Cadillac CRC on December 24 at 6 pm. This will be a time of celebrating God's Gift to us through sharing our talents and gifts with our extended church family. If you would like to participate by sharing a special musical number (children included), reading scripture or something special like a poem or book, or another way of celebrating, please contact Ruby Meekhof or Marcia VanderPlas.

Engage Group Survey For those that participated in the Fall Engage Groups please fill out the survey on line or there are printed versions at the welcome center. Please return to Athena in the office.

Kids On The Rock will meet on Wednesday. Boys and girls K-5th grade are invited to enjoy an evening of songs, stories, activities and games. Family dinner is at 5:45pm and the program starts at 6:15pm.

The Women's Book Discussion Group is meeting at Big Boy Restaurant on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. We are discussing the book by Pearl S. Buck's *The Good Earth*. Contact/text Linda VH at (231) 920-1088 if you want a book ordered for you.

Women's Community Bible Study is meeting in the Fellowship room on Tuesday morning at 9:45. All women are always welcome.

The Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship Group meets in Big Boy's back room at 7 a.m. We are discussing "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore .

New Beginning Weight Management Class meets from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays in the CCRC Fellowship Room. New Beginning is an organization for women of any age from our community who are interested in good nutrition, good friends, and maintaining a healthy weight. Questions? Contact Berniece Verbrugge.

Watch and Pray meets in the Prayer Room on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to pray for our Faith Promise missionaries, the persecuted church throughout the world, our country, and our church. We pray from a list of specific requests each week. The one constant element in all spiritual revivals is prevailing, extra ordinary prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Mary (913-553-1075) or Pete Swearengen (913-433-4054). Please join us!

MISSION MOMENT

Pray for God's family in the Ukraine as they face continual bombing, loss of life, and winter months without power, heat, and medical resources. Pray for them not to lose faith, to have courage and continue to share the love of Jesus with their neighbors and the soldiers. Pray for the salvation of government and military leaders. Pray for an end to the war.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

GriefShare 2025 Grief Share sessions for 2025 at Vogel Center CRC 1789 E. Stoney Corners Rd McBain, MI will begin on Saturday, January 4 – March 29 from 9-11AM. For more information – Vogel Church Office vcrc@outlook.com or (231)825-2053 or Pastor Adam Barton (616) 566-7937

The January Series - The January Series of Calvin University returns January 20 through January 31. From Paralympians to historians, adventurers, and innovators, we have a topic for you to deepen your curiosity. Join us in the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of Calvin University or online. More information can be found at www.calvin.edu/january-series

The Gift of Christmas - Next week, we celebrate the gift of Jesus, who left his heavenly home to offer us the hope of eternal life with him. Your gift for World Renew this season gives hope to people who live with poverty, disaster, and injustice worldwide. Put families in need on your Christmas list this year by giving generously in the World Renew offering. Traveling over the holidays? You can give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK DECEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 21 2024

SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
Or join live stream worship at:
<https://shorturl.at/aotE4>

MONDAY

8:30 A.M. WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at Big Boy
6:30 P.M. COUNCIL MEETS

TUESDAY

9:45 A.M. WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY in Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY

7:00 A.M. MEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at BIG BOY
10:00 A.M. NEW BEGINNINGS in the Fellowship Room
5:45 P.M. KIDS ON THE ROCK FAMILY DINNER in the Fellowship Room
6:15 P.M. KIDS ON THE ROCK in the lower level

7:00 P.M. PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

FRIDAY

9:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP ROOM RENTAL

SATURDAY

11:00 A.M. FELLOWSHIP ROOM RENTAL

Office Hours

Monday 9-Noon

Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday 9 – Noon

Bulletin Deadline: 5 p.m. on Wednesday

Serving This Week—December 15

Pastor Kurt Selles
Elder of the day: Mark Kerkstra
Deacon of the month: Val Dodds
Projection: Lisa Jacobson
Camera: Ron Sneller
Sound: Anthony Mulder-Ruetz
Nursery: Mary Swearengen, Gord Baas
Greeters: Tony & Sue Tonello
Coffee Prep: Kathy Lawie
Refreshments: Dave & Linda VanHouten
Monitor: Pete Swearengen

Serving Next Week—December 22

Pastor Ken Nydam
Elder of the day: Suzanne Breithaupt
Deacon of the month: Val Dodds
Projection: Lucinda Rathbun
Camera: Adam Austin
Sound: Jim VanHouten
Nursery: Sue Tonello, Katie Williams
Greeters: Rob & Carol Wolfgram
Coffee Prep: Bev Butterworth
Refreshments: Lori Snyder & Suzanne Breithaupt
Monitor: Gord Baas

Guest Pastor Schedule

December 22 Pastor Ken Nydam
December 29 Pastor Tim Kimbel

CCRC Shepherding Groups and Council-Core Value Responsibilities 2024-25

Elder

Mark Kerkstra Elder Clerk/Restoration
Suzanne Breithaupt Council Clerk/ Fellowship
Berniece Verbrugge Elder Chair/LT/Discipleship
Lori Lierman Worship
Glen VanAntwerp Council Chair/LT/Outreach

Deacon

Dave VanderPlas Treasurer
Tony Tonello Vice Chair
Val Dodds Clerk
Dave Porter Chair/LT
Elaine Sterkenburg Offering

Section

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K-M
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