



# CADILLAC

## CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 16, 2025

10 a.m. Worship Service

[WWW.CADCRC.ORG](http://WWW.CADCRC.ORG)

### **Mission Statement**

We celebrate, show and share God's transforming grace.

### **Vision Statement**

We will see Christ bring healing, wholeness, and growth as individuals, in community.

## WELCOME

Welcome to Cadillac CRC! Today is the second Sunday of the season of Lent. This is a time in the church calendar when we focus on the suffering and death of Jesus and we reflect on both his sacrifice for us as our sin that put him there.

This morning we continue our study of the book of Romans.

We invite you to stay after the service for a time of fellowship.

## WORSHIP

**Sunday 10 AM**

**Pastor Jonathan Gerstner**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12

**Sermon:** "Living Sacrifices"

**Next week** Lord willing, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The apostle Paul encourages us to examine ourselves before coming to the table (1 Cor. 11: 27-28). God will surely receive at the table of his Son all who truly repent of their sins, believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and desire to do his will.

## OUR FAMILY

**This week please pray for:**

- ◇ Lawson Wistinghausen
- ◇ Brenda Hammacher
- ◇ Cadillac CRC Pastor Search
- ◇ Mississippi Mission Trip
- ◇ 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](http://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 Friendship Bible Club.** Our mission is to share God's love with people who have cognitive impairments and to enable them to become an active part of God's family. Approximately 45 students meet with their mentor friends on Monday evenings from September through April. Bible stories, fellowship, singing, prayer-time, and refreshments are enjoyed. Volunteers from several area churches are involved as board members and staff.

**Next week our special designated offering is for Benevolence.** CCRC uses this fund to give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus. Many of our brothers and sisters are hurting financially in these times. You can use this offering to help them.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

## CCRC PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

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

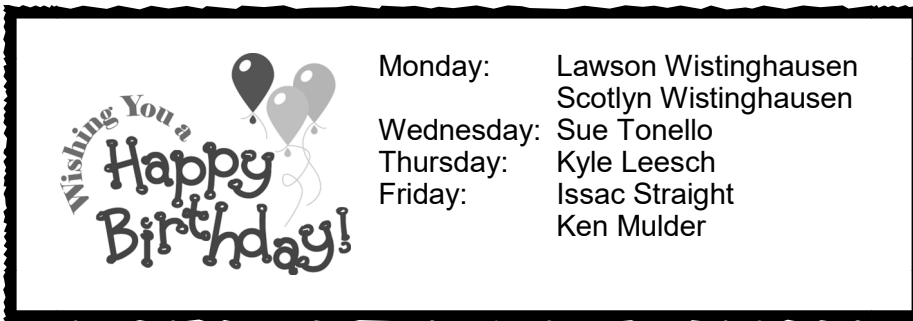
Please pray for Brenda Hamacher as she prepares for and schedules surgery to have a benign tumor removed from her pituitary gland.

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

Pray for the Mississippi Mission Trip as they leave on Friday for a week. Pray for safety and God works through the participates to be a blessing to those in Mississippi.

Sonia is safe and well, back in Rio de Janeiro. She wants to thank everyone for their love and the wonderful potluck dinner send off. She loves everyone and hopes to be back soon. In the meantime, her US number will not work, but she can be reached by WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a free app that lets one call, text or have a video call. Once one has downloaded the app on their cell phone, one can add Sonia as a new contact. Her contact number is +55-21-98339-7614 She would love to hear from you. If you have connected on Facebook, facebook messenger should work too.

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, Jean Webster, Lawson Wistinghausen, Sandi Wistinghausen.



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### Special Offering Schedule

March 16	Friendship Bible Club
March 23	Benevolence
March 30	Habitat For Humanity
April 6	Bible League

### Recent Special Offering

February 16	New Hope Center	\$153.00
February 23	Feed America Food	\$135.00
March 2	World Renew	\$295.00
March 9	Love Inc.	\$217.00

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## OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRIES

**Interim Pastor Jonathan Gerstner.** Pastor will be having office hours Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 1:00 and Wednesday afternoon from 2 until the evening programming. Pastor Jonathan's cellphone number is 410-963-8322

**Engage Groups** continue this week. Pete and Mary Swearengen are leading a group on Sundays at 1 pm in the prayer room, and Elaine Sterkenberg will lead a group on Thursdays at 7pm at her home.

**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 "*Gratitude*" by Cornelius Plantinga

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

**The Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship Group** meets in Big Boy's back room at 7 a.m. Come join us for a great discussion. The group is discussing "*Lies Men Believe and the Truth that sets Them Free*" by Robert Wolgemuth.

**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,

**Council Nominations:** Recommendation forms for new council members have been placed in the church mailboxes this week. New Council members will be needed for three-year terms beginning in July. We are asking professing members "to direct attention to suitably gifted persons" for the office of elder and deacon (Church Order, Art, 4-b). One new elder and three new deacons are needed to replace outgoing Council members. Please pray and take some time to fill out the recommendation form and return by March 17, 2025.

## MISSION MOMENT

Please pray for courage and steadfast faith for pastors in the Ukraine who are ministering to soldiers and their families during this time of war and suffering. Our Faith Promise missionary, George DeVuyst, also asks us to pray for the salvation of all of the government and church leaders in Russia and the Ukraine.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CAMA Lenten Wednesday Gatherings** Gather for a soup lunch, singing and a devotional time during the 2025 Lenten Season. Join us Wednesdays in Lent at noon.

March 19 ~ Zion Lutheran Church Speaker: Pastor Keith Jones, March 26 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Speaker: Pastor John Martek, April 2 ~ First Christian Church, Speaker: The Rev. Radha Kaminski, April 9 ~ Revival Center Speaker: Rev. Mike Horlocker, April 16 ~ Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene Speaker: Pastor Dave Bassett

**UNITED Night of Worship** is a bi-annual night of worship for students and youth ministries across northwest Michigan that first began in April 2018. This event gathers hundreds of students and youth leaders together under one roof, with one identity, to worship our one true God. Sunday, April 13, 2025, 6-8 PM at Cadillac High School Auditorium (500 Chestnut Street; Cadillac). This is a FREE event! For more information and event updates, visit [www.unitedhnwmi.com](http://www.unitedhnwmi.com) or Instagram: [@unitedhnwmi](https://www.instagram.com/unitedhnwmi)

**AMEN Chorus** will begin rehearsals Saturday, April 5 at the *Cadillac Christian Reformed Church from 6:00-8:00 P.M.* If you are a gentleman that loves to sing, we invite you to join this fantastic group. Our program will be held on Sunday, May 11. *Please bring \$10 to the first rehearsal to help cover the cost of music.* If you have any questions, you can contact Angela Warner at [kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com](mailto:kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com) or 231-330-0894.

**Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change** -Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit [worldrenew.net/ridetorenew](http://worldrenew.net/ridetorenew).

**Crossroads Prison Ministries** Join us for the 2nd Chances, Endless Grace Luncheon supporting Crossroads Prison Ministries on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at the Geoi Center in downtown Grand Rapids, starting at 11:30.a.m. Hear a powerful testimony from a former student, learn how God transforms lives through Crossroad's Christ-centered Bible study and mentorship and discover how you can be part of this life-changing ministry. Register for the in-person or virtual event at: [cpministries.org/events](http://cpministries.org/events) . For questions please email [events@cpministries.org](mailto:events@cpministries.org)

## SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK MARCH 16– MARCH 22

### SUNDAY

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

1:00 P.M.      ENGAGE GROUP

### MONDAY

8:30 A.M.      WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at Big Boy

5:15 P.M.      WORSHIP TEAM

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.      SEARCH TEAM in the Prayer Room

### THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.      PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

7:00 P.M.      ENGAGE GROUP

### Office Hours

Monday 9 a.m. -noon

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 4 p.m.**

### Pastor's Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to evening program

## Serving This Week—March 16

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner  
Elder of the day: Suzanne Breithaupt  
Deacon of the month: Dave VanderPlas  
Projection: Lisa Jacobson  
Camera: Ron Sneller  
Sound: Anthony Mulder Ruetz  
Nursery: Marge Brinks, Cindy Sneller  
Greeters: Elaine Sterkenberg & Val Dodds  
Coffee Prep: Kathy Lawie  
Refreshments: Mark & Cheryl Kerkstra  
Monitor: Gord Baas

## Serving Next Week—March 23

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner  
Elder of the day: Berniece Verbrugge  
Deacon of the month: Dave VanderPlas  
Projection: Lucinda Rathbun  
Camera: Adam Austin  
Sound: Jim VanHouten  
Nursery: Sue Tonello, Diana VanAntwerp  
Greeters: Rob & Carol Wolfgram  
Coffee Prep: Sharron Pickel  
Refreshments: Mark & Kristen Tonello  
Monitor: Dennis Anderson

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### 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

A-DEV  
DI-J  
K-M  
N-S  
T-Z

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## **HOW SHALL WE RESPOND THIS WEEK?**

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **Fasting**

-Fast from running away. How might you be running from God or from the commitment/call God has asked of you?

#### **Prayer**

-Read Joshua 1 and pray for the courage and strength to go where God sends you even if the road looks difficult.

#### **Around the Kitchen Table**

-What sacrifices in your daily life might you have to make in order to commit fully to God? Are there things you are afraid to let go of or to undertake that you think God might be asking you to do?

-Have you ever done something you were afraid to do for the sake of service to God or your neighbor? How did God help you overcome that fear? Consider sharing your experiences in an appropriate setting as a testimony of God's work in your life.

#### **Ideas for Including Children and Teens**

-For elementary kids and younger, consider having a sharing time at dinner. When they share a story about being like Jesus, everyone puts a button (or coin or rock etc.) in a jar and you can watch the jar fill up during Lent. During Holy Week, consider bringing out a large jar already filled up as a reminder of what Jesus has already done for us.

-For middle schoolers and high schoolers, consider deciding together on a service project for Lent. Plan out how it will affect extracurricular activities and talk about what sorts of sacrifices are worth it for living a life of service.