



# CADILLAC

## CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 23, 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 third 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"

**Today** we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We do not come to the supper as though we were righteous in ourselves but rather to testify that we are sinners and that we look to Jesus Christ for our salvation. We are confident that the Savior accepts us at his table when we come in humble faith, with sorrow for our sins, and with a will to follow him.

## 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 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.

**Next week our special designated offering is for Habitat for Humanity.** Cadillac Area Habitat for Humanity has been in existence since 1987 and has partnered with many families in our community. Through the work of Habitat, thousands of low-income families have found new hope in the form of affordable housing. Churches, community groups and others have joined together to successfully tackle a significant social problem—decent housing for all.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and  
Lean not on your own understanding.  
Proverbs 3:5

## CCRC PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

Please continue to pray for Lawson Wistinghausen with his fight with cancer. We continue to pray for relief from pain and a miracle. Lawson had scan's last week, which showed the spots in the bones are showing some improvement. There is a small spot in the lung which could be an infection or fatty spot which they will continue to watch. Lawson will continue on the same chemo regime, until the next scan in three months.

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 improve the living conditions to many in Mississippi. Pray for safety and God works through the participates to be a blessing to those in Mississippi.

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 23	Benevolence
March 30	Habitat For Humanity
April 6	Bible League
April 13	Workplace Chaplains

### Recent Special Offering

February 23	Feed America Food	\$135.00
March 2	World Renew	\$295.00
March 9	Love Inc.	\$217.00
March 16	Friendship Bible Club	\$360.00

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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** Elaine Sterkenberg's group will meet on Thursdays at 7pm at her home.

**Kids On The Rock** will not meet this week. Have a great Spring Break!

**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,



## 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 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.unitednwmi.com](http://www.unitednwmi.com) or Instagram: [@unitednwmi](https://www.instagram.com/unitednwmi)

**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)

**Student Led Worship Fundraiser** Come join this student led worship night at Rehoboth Reformed Church on Sunday May,4th 6pm-7pm! Tickets are by donation at the door. All proceeds support the Rehoboth Reformed Youth Mission trip to North Carolina. Contact Adrian at (231)884-9041 with any questions.

## SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK MARCH 23– MARCH 29

### 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 in Fellowship Room

### 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

### 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 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 & Linda Benthem  
Monitor: Dennis Anderson

## Serving Next Week—March 30

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner  
Elder of the day: Mark Kerkstra  
Deacon of the month: Dave VanderPlas  
Projection: Lucinda Rathbun  
Camera: Jim VanHouten  
Sound: Brian Brinks  
Nursery: Selina Martin, Mark Tonello  
Greeters: Doug & Jada Schmittling  
Coffee Prep: Kathy Boven  
Refreshments: Mark & Kristen Tonello  
Monitor: Dave Boven

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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?**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Fasting**

-Fast from comparing yourself to other people—when you find yourself going down mental pathways of comparison, pause and bring that thought to Christ in humility, remembering that you share the image of God with everyone you meet.

**Prayer**

-Before social interactions, pray this prayer: "God show me your image in every face I see."

**Around the Kitchen Table**

-If you haven't already, designate a chair in your home for Christ to figuratively sit in it; a "Christ chair". Now, take some time to imagine different people in your life sitting in that chair—perhaps a coworker you struggle to get along with or a relative that gets under your skin. Remind yourself that they too carry the image of God.

-Take a turn yourself sitting in the Christ chair. Remember the value that Christ gives you through his love and sacrifice. Remember that you bear his image and his name and are treasured by him, not because of what you've done, but because of what he has done for you.

**Ideas for Including Children and Teens**

-Have children and teens take turns sitting in the Christ chair and have other family members affirm the image of God in them and tell them of ways they see Christ at work in them.