



CADILLAC

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 9, 2025

10 a.m. Worship Service

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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 first 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 and a potluck.

WORSHIP

Sunday 10 AM

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-30

Sermon: "Glorified and Heirs of a New Creation"

OUR FAMILY

This week please pray for:

- ◇ 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 LOVE INC. Love Inc unites local churches to engage actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in our community. Love INC helps with pantry items, teaching life skills, help with bills.

Next week our special designated offering 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.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him"

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.

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 Klomp family, Judy Nydam, Phil & Sandy Stark, Teresa VanHouten, Jean Webster, Lawson Wistinghausen, Sandi Wistinghausen.

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.



Monday: Jean Webster

Tuesday: Gord Baas

Thursday: Tom Jacobson

Special Offering Schedule

March 9	Love Inc.
March 16	Friendship Bible Club
March 23	Benevolence
March 30	Habitat For Humanity

Recent Special Offering

February 9	Mississippi Trip	\$586.00
February 16	New Hope Center	\$153.00
February 23	Feed America Food	\$135.00
March 2	World Renew	\$295.00

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 and Sonia's is 231-253-6998.

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,

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. If you have any questions, please contact Mary (913-553-1075) or Pete Swearengen (913-433-4054). Please join us!

Keenagers will meet Thursday, March 13 at 9 a.m. at Big Boy.

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.

Potluck Today for Sonya: As Pastor Jonathan's wife Sonya has to return to Brazil for business meetings, and is not sure if or when she will be back, we would like to hold a potluck in her honor on Sunday, March 9, after church. She has jumped into so many of our church activities so quickly and with a real servant's heart. She will be sorely missed! So come and bring a dish to share and let her know how we really appreciate her!

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 5 ~ First Christian Church Speaker: Pastor Eben Smith, March 12 ~ United Methodist Church Speaker: Pastor Maureen Jones, 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

Last Chance to Register - Gather (crcna.org/Gather) has been a year-long campaign across the Christian Reformed church, pulling people together to talk about what God is doing with and through our congregations. Only three events remain. If you have not yet been to Gather and would like to join Gather Chicago (March 27-29) please email gather@crcna.org before March 15. Expenses for your participation are covered through generous donations.

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.unitednwmj.com or Instagram: [@unitednwmj](https://www.instagram.com/unitednwmj)

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK MARCH 9– MARCH 15

SUNDAY

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

11:30 A.M. POTLUCK
1:00 P.M. ENGAGE GROUP

MONDAY

8:30 A.M. WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at Big Boy
6:30 P.M. ELDERS MEET
6:30 P.M. DEACONS MEET

TUESDAY

9:45 A.M. WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY in Fellowship Room
2:00 P.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM 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

THURSDAY

9:00 A.M. KEENAGERS at BIG BOY
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 5 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 9

Serving Next Week—March 16

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner
Elder of the day: Glen VanAntwerp
Deacon of the month: Dave VanderPlas
Projection: Lisa Jacobson
Camera: Adam Austin
Sound: Brian Brinks
Nursery: Mary Swearengen, Gord Baas
Greeters: Glenn & Berniece Verbrugge
Coffee Prep: Bev Butterworth
Refreshments: Marg Brinks & Deb Anderson
Monitor: Pete Swearengen

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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

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

Elder	Deacon	Section
Mark Kerkstra Elder Clerk/Restoration	Dave VanderPlas Treasurer	A-DEV
Suzanne Breithaupt Council Clerk/ Fellowship	Tony Tonello Vice Chair	DI-J
Berniece Verbrugge Elder Chair/LT/Discipleship	Val Dodds Clerk	K-M
Lori Lierman Worship	Dave Porter Chair/LT	N-S
Glen VanAntwerp Council Chair/LT/Outreach	Elaine Sterkenburg Offering	T-Z



HOW SHALL WE RESPOND THIS WEEK?

First Sunday of Lent

Fasting

- What is something you can give up during Lent (and maybe longer) to make room for sustained silence, reflection, and prayer? How might you make space for the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Prayer

- Pray for God to use your times of wilderness for God's glory. Ask how God might use you.

Around the Kitchen Table

- Where have you seen or felt God's call on your life? Share your own sense of calling with someone else.
- Have you ever experienced a time in a spiritual wilderness? How did that time stretch you and provide clarity about your calling?
- We often think of our calling from an individual perspective, but having a godly purpose also applies collectively—to families, to households, to small groups, and to churches. If you had to articulate God's purpose or call for one of those communities, what would you say?
- Share baptism stories. See if you can find the date and place of your baptism if you don't already know them. How do you see your baptism as an ordination to a life of service?

Ideas for Including Children and Teens

- Children and teens can also experience and live out God's call. Have a conversation about what God might have placed on their heart, and help them to fulfill those callings.