



Cadillac Christian Reformed Church

April 13, 2025

10 a.m. Worship Service

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 Palm Sunday at Cadillac CRC! On this Palm Sunday, let us remember Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem, a moment of both joy and foreboding, and reflect on the journey ahead, embracing the love and sacrifice that awaits us.

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

WORSHIP

Sunday 10 AM

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9-17

Sermon: "Hosanna in the Highest"

OUR FAMILY

This week please pray for:

- ◇ The Austin Family
- ◇ Lawson Wistinghausen
- ◇ Brenda Hammacher
- ◇ Phil & Sandy Stark
- ◇ 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 Workplace Chaplains. The Lord continues to do amazing work through the chaplains in caring for the needs of employees in the workplace. In addition to workplace counseling, the chaplains conduct funerals, provide follow-up care for families, and help businesses connect with community and faith-based resources. These needs and opportunities continue to grow. Thank you for supporting Workplace Chaplains..

Next week our special designated offering is for New Hope Shelter. New Hope Shelter provides shelter, food, and safety to men, women, and families regardless of why they are in need. This organization has been serving the homeless in the greater Cadillac area for over 30 years. Thanks to the generous support of the community New Hope is able to serve the needs of many.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" **John 12:13.**

CCRC PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

Our heartfelt condolences to the Austin family in the passing of Paul's dad, Paul Austin Sr. Pray for comfort during this time as they grieve their Dad, Grandfather, Uncle. Services were held on Saturday, April 12.

Please continue to pray for Lawson Wistinghausen with his fight with cancer. We continue to pray for relief from pain and a miracle as Lawson will continue on the same chemo regime.

Please pray for Brenda Hamacher as she waits on doctors to schedule surgery to have a benign tumor removed from her pituitary gland. Surgery will not take place until at least mid May.

Pray for Phil and Sandy Stark. Please pray for strength for Phil and for Sandy.

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.



Sunday: Regonna Sneller
Monday: Dennis Anderson
Tuesday: Brianna Leesch
Wednesday: Mary Bretschneider
Thursday: Phillip Stark

Special Offering Schedule

April 13	Workplace Chaplains
April 20	New Hope Center
April 27	Benevolence
May 4	World Renew

Recent Special Offering

March 16	Friendship Bible Club	\$360.00
March 23	Benevolence	\$250.00
March 30	Habitat For Humanity	\$260.00
April 6	Bible League	\$115.00

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRIES

Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, April 27th, after church. We will be asking the congregation to vote on asking Jonathan Gerstner to be Lead Pastor at CCRC. We will also vote on a compensation package for Pastor Jonathan. Information was sent by email this past week and is in your church mailbox. If you have questions, please contact a Council member.

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

Kids On The Rock 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.

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

All ladies, middle and high school girls are invited to the **Faith Lift Spring Event "It All Began In A Garden"**, on Saturday, May 3, starting at 10 am. So, dig out your spring floral outfits as this will be a Garden Party! We will start with a potluck brunch, have some fellowship time, a devotional by Tasha Strait, and opportunities to make a hanging basket, decorate a hat for your door, check out the "Bring a Book - Take a Book" table and free handouts at the Garden Information table. (You may drop donated books off at the sign-up table anytime.) Sign-up begins today until April 27 in the fellowship area. A love donation will be available at the event. Reach out and invite your mother, sisters, daughters, cousins, and friends! Contacts are Sue Tonello – 248-770-9102 or Bonnie VanHouten 231-878-3307.

Faith Promise May 1st is the beginning of a new Faith Promise year, and your giving for 2024-25 should be completed this month. The missionary families we support are "trainers of trainers" who teach leaders to go out and build God's kingdom in their own countries. Over the years this congregation has been very generous with pledges and giving for our missionaries. Thank you for your faithful support of those doing God's work around the world.

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.

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

Forty Days of Prayer for Synod - Join people from across the denomination and around the world for 40 days of prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Writers of different ages, abilities, backgrounds, and places, from CRC congregations and ministries have shared prayers on the theme, Journey With Jesus. Find resources and sign up at crcna.org/synod/prayer

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 APRIL 13– APRIL 19

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

5:15 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM

6:30 P.M. DEACONS MEET

6:30 P.M. ELDERS MEET

TUESDAY

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

3:15 P.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM

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. WATCH & PRAY in the Prayer Room

THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. AMEN CHOIR REHERSAL

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 a.m -1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to evening program

Office phone: 231-775-5291
Pastor Jonathan's cell phone: 410-963-8322

Serving This Week—April 13

Pastor Jonathan Gerstner
Elder of the day: Glen VanAntwerp
Deacon of the month: Tony Tonello
Projection: Lisa Jacobson
Camera: Dave VanHouten
Sound: Brian Brinks
Nursery: Mary Swearengen, Beth Klimp
Greeters: Dave & Linda VanHouten
Coffee Prep: Bev Butterworth
Refreshments: Mark & Carol Mogan
Monitor: Gord Baas

Serving Next Week—April 20

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Deacon of the month: Tony Tonello
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Nursery: Mary Swearengen, Sue Tonello
Greeters: Jeff & Athena Bolt
Coffee Prep: Kathy Lawie
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Monitor: Dennis Anderson

CCRC Shepherdng 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



HOW SHALL WE RESPOND THIS WEEK?

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Fasting

-Instead of removing something from your life this week, add to it. Find a service opportunity this week. Is there a member from church who could use a meal or a phone call? Is a local pantry or donation center in need of volunteers? Would some shut-ins appreciate some fresh flowers in their room? Whatever you find to do, do it with the humility of Christ, the servant king.

Prayer

-Consider reading and praying through a gospel account of Holy Week this week. One structure that also provides optional prayers and artwork for reflection is the Revised Common Lectionary. https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/calendar/2024-25/?season=holy_week

Around the Kitchen Table

-Set aside an empty chair to symbolize Christ's presence in your home and lives—a Christ chair. Drape your Christ chair in purple this week, the color of royalty. You can consider replacing the purple on Friday and Saturday with black, and then draping the chair in white on Easter morning. Discuss ways that Christ displayed his kingship in his last week. How did Christ continue to demonstrate humility and servanthood in this final week as well?

Ideas for Including Children

-You can easily make a set of resurrection eggs to tell the story of Holy Week with children. Each egg should contain a symbol of some part of the Holy Week story: [Faithward.org/diy-resurrection-eggs-for-holy-week/](https://faithward.org/diy-resurrection-eggs-for-holy-week/) The eggs can function like an Advent calendar in so far as the children open a set number of eggs each day of the week and hear that part of the story leading up to Easter Sunday.