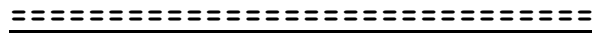




WELCOME TO  
SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SPRING LAKE, MICHIGAN

9:30 A.M. on December 20, 2009

Pastor: Drew Sweetman

\*everyone who is able, please stand

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING  
Gary and Carol Sytsma

- \*SONG **Come, Lord Jesus**
1. Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus.
  2. Come, O Prince of Peace. Come, O Prince of Peace. Come, O Prince of Peace; Come, and be born in our hearts.
  3. Come, Immanuel. Come, Immanuel. Come, Immanuel;

\*THE LORD'S GREETING AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

- \*SONGS
- Here I Am to Worship**  
**O Thou Joyful**
1. O thou joyful, O thou wonderful Grace revealing Christmastide! Jesus came to win us from all sin within us; Glorify the Holy Child.
  2. O thou joyful, O thou wonderful, Peace revealing Christmastide! Darkness disappeareth, God's own light now neareth; Peace and joy to all betide!

PIANO DUET **The First Noel**

SOLO **The Birthday of a King**

- \*SONGS
- How Great Our Joy**
1. While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright.  
**Chorus** – How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (repeat)
  2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today! **Chorus**
  3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall redeem us all. **Chorus**
  4. This Gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill. **Chorus**

**Joy to the Word! the Lord Is Come** - Psalter Hymnal, No. 337:1,2,4

CHOIR ANTHEMS  
**Gesu Bambino and Angel's Carol**

PRAYER

\*SONG **O Little Town of Bethlehem** - Green Living Praise, No. 241

SCRIPTURE  
**I Samuel 16:1-13** - Pew Bible, page 297  
**Luke 2:1-7** - Pew Bible, page 1071

MESSAGE "An Unlikely Place of Unlikely People: Bethlehem"

PRAYER

- \*SONG **Joy Has Dawned**
1. Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation: God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary. wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels, as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.
  2. Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story. Gold, a King is born today, incense, God is with us, myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.
  3. Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom, reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion! What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious mystery: Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

OFFERING First offering – GENERAL FUND Second offering – FAITH PROMISE

Please sign and pass the Friendship Folders located in the pew racks

\*RESPONSE **He Came Down**

\*BLESSING

OFFERINGS: December 25 (Christmas) - General Fund  
December 27 – A.M. General Fund and Benevolence; P.M. Christian Schools



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our Christian sympathy to Curt and Ann Haaksma in the passing of Curt's father, Curt Sr. Funeral services were held this past week in Grand Haven.

Gradus Kamps received a good report from his doctor and has been given the OK to resume all normal activities. Gradus and Shirley wish to thank the congregation for their prayers.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2009

**TODAY** - Coffee Fellowship Time immediately following the morning service

- 11:00 A.M. Sunday School, Catechism and Adult Education
- 2:00 P.M. Services at Oakcrest Manor by the Worship Ministry Team
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service
- 7:15 P.M. Senior High Youth Group

### MONDAY

- 6:30 P.M. GEMS; Cadets

### TUESDAY

- 5:00 P.M. Middle School Youth Group meet at church to go to the mall

### FRIDAY

- 10:00 A.M. Christmas Morning Worship Service

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins** and homebound is planned for today, Sunday, December 20, immediately following the evening service. There are many shut-ins to visit, so we are hoping for a large group to go caroling. Plan now to bring the whole family for an evening to share the joy of Christmas with those who cannot always attend worship at this special time of the year.

**Middle School Youth Group meet** at church this week Tuesday, December 22 to go to the mall for a scavenger hunt. Supper provided at the mall. The group will return to church by 7:30 p.m.

**Pastor Drew sends out a "Mid-week Update"** via e-mail, which includes announcements, prayer requests, etc. If you do not have e-mail, print-outs are available on the Literature Table.

**The sets from the Christmas play** have remained up because the decorating was done based on those sets being there and the second reason you will discover Christmas morning.

**Intergenerational Learning Opportunity.** Start off the new year by studying "Sunday Morning Live" with our middle school and high school students. Pastor Drew will be leading the class, which will coincide with his sermon series, "Experiencing Worship," beginning on Sunday, January 10. The goal is for people of all ages to enter into this learning experience together. In addition to studying worship, we will together plan our East Sunday morning worship.

**Knit Together –** Thank you to all who made and donated the beautiful baby blankets, sweaters, caps, mittens and quilts which filled two huge shopping bags. These items were given to the Muskegon Rescue Mission this past week. The next donation date will be April 1, 2010.

**Care Packages** will be made up to give or send to our college students. Suggested items are microwave popcorn, candy, post-it flags, gum, highlighters, pens, pencils, hot chocolate packets, Ramen Soups, soup-to-go (for microwave), oatmeal packets, band aids, pocket size hand sanitizers, pocket size Kleenex, granola bars, and or money to purchase the above items.

**Mission Trip opportunities** - An announcement was received from CRWRC asking if groups, youth groups or families would be interested in an alternative Spring Break mission trip with CRWRC Disaster Response Services. We have also been asked by Worldwide Christian Schools if we were interested in sending another team to Nicaragua or to some other country. **If you are interested in one of these, please meet in the Church Library today at 11:00 a.m. .**

**The award winning January Series of Calvin College** is coming to Grand Haven January 6 through Jan. 26, 2010. Second CRC will be one of 28 remote Webcast locations continent-wide to broadcast one of the nations leading lecture and cultural arts series. The series will be video-streamed live at Second CRC from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information feel free to contact Jan Zuidema at 846-1551.

**Food Pantry Needs:** Hamburger Helper, canned pears, pineapple, boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, other holiday food items and personal care items.

**The Grand Haven Christian School board and staff** wish all the families of this church a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the peace, love and joy of the Christ child. As you fulfill your year-end giving, we invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Grand Haven Scholarship Fund working through the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (eligible for Michigan tax credit), the Endowment Fund, the Tuition Assistance Fund or the Educational Support Services (Resource Room). More information on these funds is available in the Development Office at Grand Haven Christian School.

### SERVING TODAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

**GREETERS:** A.M. Bob and Chris Wyhowski; Wes and Agnes De Witt  
P.M. John and Faith Ruiter, Dick and Judy Postma

**MORNING NURSERY:** Sheila Denning, Dawn Burns

**EVENING NURSERY:** Ena Brondyke, Leah Sweetman

**LIBRARY ATTENDANT:** Arlene Wierenga

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Cal and Shar Vork

**USHERS:** A.M. Dale Carlson, Lucas Vander Laan, Ken Ruiter, Bill Wierenga  
P.M. Tully Groenendyk, Tom Burns

### SERVING CHRISTMAS MORNING, DECEMBER 25

**GREETERS:** A.M. Joyce Fraser and Joyce Langeland, Marc and Hilda Kamps

**NURSERY:** Chris Wierenga, Joyce Van Beek

**USHERS:** Dale Carlson, Lucas Vander Laan, Ken Ruiter, Bill Wierenga

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

**GREETERS:** A.M. Arend and Barb Vaandering, Lee and Kim Sytsma  
P.M. Joel and Andrea Brondyke, Steve and Linda Teunis

**MORNING NURSERY:** Jen Sytsema, Emily Marine

**EVENING NURSERY:** Joyce Van Beek, Ariana Brondyke

**LIBRARY ATTENDANT:** Linda Teunis

**COFFEE SERVERS:** John and Jalaine Van Dyke

### SERVING ON THE FURNITURE MINISTRY

**Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Saturday, December 26** – Jeff and Jordan Botbyl

**Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Saturday, January 2** – Lee Sytsma, Tim Annema

## MISSION STATEMENT

### SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church is called to serve, worship and praise God in a way that joyfully celebrates God's grace and enables us to grow in our love for Christ and for one another as we extend Christ's love to others.

### VISION STATEMENT OF THE SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

In dependence on God for his continuing blessings, it is our vision that

1. We will be a church with exciting worship impacting believers and seekers while maintaining our worship focus on God.
2. We will be a church where the community and our members are able to share joys and concerns.
3. We will be effectively reaching those without a church and the unsaved in our community.
4. We will be impacting the children and parents of this community and our church with a ministry that strengthens, equips, and excites them for Kingdom work.
5. We will continue to grow spiritually while trusting God to bless us in numerical growth.

Drew Sweetman, Pastor  
Jim Vander Meiden, Pastor of Congregational Care  
Gwenneth Bean, Director of Music  
Church Phone: 842-8580

## COUNCIL 2009

### Pastoral Elders

John Ruiter  
Dick Postma  
Marc Kamps  
Joe Lyons

### District

A through D  
E through L  
M through S  
T through Z

### Pastoral Deacons

Ed Wierenga  
Joel Brondyke  
Noah Van Oosterhout  
Mark Brondyke

### Administrative Elders

Dan Wierenga  
Steve Teunis, Clerk

### Administrative Deacons

Craig Sytsema, Treasurer  
Jill Koster

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**Our Church** seeks to serve and help you in our services of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please call on any Council member for assistance.

**Worship and Music** is directed by a committee under the leadership of Pastor Drew. Contact Pastor Drew or Gwenneth Bean if you have comments or suggestions.

**Outreach** to the community and to our nation and world is directed by Sheila Denning and Carol Van Dop.

**The Education Committee** is open to all. It is directed by a committee under the leadership of George Suchecki and contact him for information.

**Properties** are administered by a committee under the direction of John Ruiter. If you desire any information or use of church property contact Joyce Van Beek, church secretary, office phone 842-8580 or home phone 842-0315.

**Communications Committee** seeks to receive and give information concerning our church. Jill Koster chairs this committee.

**Flowers/Decorations Committee** is directed by a committee under the leadership of Faith Ruiter. If you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday Service call Faith.

**The Hospitality Committee** is responsibility for welcoming and in charge of social events at church. Joyce Van Beek leads this committee.

**A Nursery** is provided during worship services. Jen Sytsema and Beth Annema oversee this important ministry.

## POINSETTIAS - IN MEMORY

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Aberdeen Bolt	John A. Bolt
Jeanette Bulthuis	Abe Bulthuis
Dale and Karen Carlson	John Bush; Palmer and Grace Carlson
Marge De Heer	Adrian De Heer
Sheila Denning	Dave Denning
Wes De Witt	Helen De Witt
Minnie Dykman	Earl Dykman
Marvin & JoAnn Elkins	Marva Jo Elkins, Everett & Genevieve Barding; Burnie & Lily Elkins
Joyce Fraser	Ray Fraser
Joyce Langeland	Leon Langeland
Kathryn Madsen and family	Joe and Gary Madsen; Ben & Minnie Ruitter
Etta Peterson	Clinton Peterson
Fran Poel	Kenneth Poel
Ella Rosema	Jack Rosema
Ken and Dorothy Ruitter	Ben and Minnie Ruitter; Fred and Rena King
Joyce Van Beek	Gordon Van Beek; Dick & Bertha Van Beek
Eugene and Peg Van Dyke	Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Plutschouw, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Van Dyke
Al and Willene Wezeman	Ann Wezeman; Calvin Brondyke
Bill and Arlene Wierenga	William and Anna Wierenga Sr. and George and Julia Harden
Ed Wierenga Family	Gordon Teunis
Eugene and Donna Wierenga	Jim Wierenga
George and Ruth Wierenga	Andy Wierenga
Joan Wierenga	Harry Wierenga
Dale Williams	Kathy Weed; Arnold Fewless, Maxine Fewless
Tim Winters	Jeff Winters

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## POINSETTIA – IN HONOR

Evelyn Holtrop

Tom Dykman, on his retirement

You may take your flower(s) home following the Christmas service!