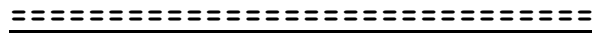




**WELCOME TO
SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



SPRING LAKE, MICHIGAN

9:30 A.M. on December 27, 2009

Pastor: Drew Sweetman

**everyone who is able, please stand*

GATHERING MUSIC

DUET

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Ter Haar Family

*SONG

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 353

*THE LORD'S GREETING AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

*SONG

Once in Royal David's City

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 346:1,2,4,5

RESPONSIVE READING

Statement of Faith

*SONG

Angels from the Realms of Glory

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 354:1,2,5

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Ena Brondyke

THE CHRISTMAS STORY – LUKE 2:1-10

Mark Brondyke

SONG

Glory to God

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 214

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PIANO SOLO

Danielle and Havila Kamps

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

- Pew Bible, page 1109

MESSAGE

"Our Place: Spring Lake"

PRAYER

*SONG

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 355

OFFERING

Two offerings - GENERAL FUND and BENEVOLENCE

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

*RESPONSE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 356

*BLESSING

*SONG

Joy to the World! the Lord is Come

- Psalter Hymnal, No. 337:1,2,4

*PARTING MUSIC

OFFERINGS:

January 3 - A.M. General Fund and Benevolence; P.M. Christian Schools

January 10 – A.M. General Fund and Gideons; P.M. Christian Schools

January 17 – A.M. General Fund and Faith Promise; P.M. Christian Schools

**SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.**

pastor: Jim Vander Meiden
pianist: Cheri Ter Haar

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:1-15

SERIES: PLACES OF CHRISTMAS (PART 5 OF 6)

SERMON: OUR PLACE: SPRING LAKE

Eden: a place of _____ and _____

Abraham: a _____ of _____

Temple: a place for God to call _____

Bethlehem: an _____ place of _____ people

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

THE _____ BECAME _____

Theologically:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Practically:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

AND MADE HIS _____ AMONG _____

Jesus is in the _____!

The _____ makes Jesus' dwelling with us possible.

As he dwells among us, we experience both _____ and _____.

Through Jesus Christ, we find _____. We are ____-_____ in the place of God's caring and love.

GATHERING MUSIC

***SONG** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* - Psalter Hymnal, No. 353

***WELCOME**

***SONG** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* - Psalter Hymnal, No. 340

GREETINGS

***SONG** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* - Psalter Hymnal, No. 345

SOLO *O Holy Night*

PRAYER

***SONG** *Angels We Have Heard on High* - Psalter Hymnal, No. 347

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-13 - Pew Bible, page 779
 Luke 1:67-79 - Pew Bible, page 1071

MESSAGE **“Is God on Schedule?”**

PRAYER

***SONG** *Joy to the World* - Psalter Hymnal, No. 337:1,2,4

OFFERING The offering is for our Christian Schools

BLESSING

RESPONSE *Silent Night! Holy Night!* - Psalter Hymnal, No. 344:1,2,4

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

From Bill Boot, Phyllis Dahlman, Norma De Boer, Catherine Koster, Fran Poel, Cheryl Rasinske, Ella Rosema, Elaine Schlappi, George Smith, Bev Stehouwer, Kitty Van Oordt and Dorothy Vriesman: "Thank you to everyone who remembered us with beautiful Christmas cards, visits and Christmas caroling. It means a lot to be remembered by our church family. Thank you again"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009

TODAY - Coffee Fellowship Time immediately following the morning service

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

7:15 P.M. Senior High Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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 this morning.

The 2010 offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone does not have envelopes but would like some, please see a deacon.

You may take your poinsettia home today following the morning or evening worship service!

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.

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, canned vegetables and personal care items.

Ferrysburg Community Church has taken over the Monday food pantry for Love, Inc. They have built and stocked the shelves and are ready to serve those in need. One thing they could really use is a freezer to store meat. If you have a good used freezer that you would like to donate, please call Jeanette at Love Inc at 846-2701. Either a chest or upright would be fine.

SERVING TODAY, 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

USHERS: A.M. Dale Carlson, Lucas Vander Laan, Ken Ruiter, Bill Wierenga

P.M. Tully Groenendyk, Tom Burns

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010

GREETERS: A.M. Etta Peterson and Joan Wierenga, Arend and Barb Vaandering

P.M. Cal and Shar Vork, Evelyn Holtrop and Sheila Denning

MORNING NURSERY: Joyce Van Beek, Dawn Burns

EVENING NURSERY: Pam Burns, Tyler Van Beek

LIBRARY BATTENDANT: Miriam Slings

COFFEE SERVERS: Arend and Barb Vaandering

USHERS: A.M. Ken Wierenga, John Van Dyke, Adam Wyhowski, Dan Grable

P.M. Will Groenendyk, Joel Brondyke

SERVING ON THE FURNITURE MINISTRY

Tuesday, January 5 and Saturday, January 9 – Joel Brondyke and Tad Groenendyk

Tuesday, January 12 and Saturday, January 16 – Tom Burns and Will Groenendyk

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.