



SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 16, 2018

Welcome to Worship!

At Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, we exist to help people of all ages develop authentic relationships with Jesus Christ

SERIES: Songs of the Season – A Christmas Playlist

WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

*Songs

I Sing for Joy

Joyful, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*The Lord's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle - JOY

Micah and Dawn Dameron

*Song:

Joy to the World

How Great Our Joy

Announcements

*Song: *Once in Royal David's City*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund/Salvation Army

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Message: "Joy to the World"

Prayer

*Song: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*The Lord's Blessing

*Song: *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

*Parting Music

Pastor: Michael Westerveld

Accompanist: Karen Carlson

Praise Team: Ena Brondyke, Joe Lyons

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

This morning Pastor Michael Westerveld will lead worship. Our accompanist today is Jean Schuitman.

If you are a visitor or guest we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Welcome Card available in the pew rack. Following worship, please bring your card to the Welcome Table where you will receive a gift.

Child Care for infants through age 3 is provided during our morning worship in our Infant and Toddler Center, located on the east end of the main floor.

Large Print materials are available at the Welcome Table.

When you see the heart symbol ♥ next to a song in the order of worship, it indicates the song is one of the HeartSongs you as members shared that had special meaning for you.

The east and south entry doors will be locked 10 minutes after our worship begins. The west entry door will remain unlocked. All doors will be unlocked after worship.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

George Suchecki has been released from the hospital in Ann Arbor and will enter a facility for rehabilitation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study at 5 pm

The 5 pm Sunday Bible Study meets today. The Lesson covers II Kings: 18 - 21.

Sound System Fund Drive

As you are aware we recently have been experiencing sound system failures. The sound board is old and needs to be replaced. A new mixer sound board along with a new pastor's head set and additional wireless hand held will cost around \$6,100. We have a little over \$4,700.00 in the sound system fund. To assist with the shortage and to avoid depleting the sound system fund totally, Council is asking the congregation to participate in a Sound System Fund Drive in the amount of \$3,000.00. This would be over and above the regular budget. We would like to complete this by December 31, 2018. Therefore, we are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider helping us reach this goal. Please place your gift in an envelope and mark it as "Sound System" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the deacons by the end of December, 2018. Thank you for your financial gift.

Connect

Connect will meet this Wednesday, December 19 at 6 pm. Come for pizza after which we will go Christmas Caroling to our homebound and shut in.

Christmas Cards to Homebound and Shut-ins

Lydia Bible Class members will bring Christmas Cards to our homebound and shut-in members. Cards must be in church by December 16. Cards will be delivered to Henrietta Laning, Etta Peterson, Cheryl Rasinske, Henry & Amy Sterenberg, Marshall Teunis, Bob and Rhea Teunis, Mickey Van Andel, Eugene and Donna Wierenga, George and Ruth Wierenga. Place your cards in the box provided by the church office.

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at Western Michigan Christian High School on Saturday, December 22 from 7-10 am. Come

Love in Action Fundraiser

Love in Action of the Tri-Cities is being blessed by Meijer's "Simply Give" program. It begins now and goes through December 29. The purchase of a \$10 "Simply Give" card at the Grand Haven Meijer store will raise funds that are converted to food-only gift cards used by LIA to stock its central pantry and 10 area church pantries. Your help by purchasing a card will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, contact them at 846-2710 or love@loveinactiontri-cities.org

Address

The address for Jean Schuitman is 3947 S. Swanson Ct., Muskegon, MI 49444.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, December 16, 2018

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

5:00 pm – Bible Study

6:30 pm – Youth Group Christmas Party

Wednesday – December 19, 2018

12 Noon – Lydia Bible Class Dinner

6:00 pm – Connect

Next Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

SERVING TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

GREETERS

West Entrance: Dorothy Ruiters

East & South Entrance: Wes & Agnes De Witt

NURSERY

Jen Sytsema, Tyson Annema

COFFEE SERVERS

Joyce & Jalaine

USHERS

Ken Ruiters, Ken Wierenga

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

GREETERS

West Entrance: Dorothy Ruiters

East & South Entrance: Wes & Agnes De Witt

NURSERY

Brandy Buys, Brandon Sytsma

COFFEE SERVERS

Ryand and Willie Van Dyke

USHERS

Ken Ruiters, Ken Wierenga

FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

The church is being decorated for Christmas with poinsettias. You have the opportunity to make a donation in memory of a loved one or friend, in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Put your donation in an envelope with this form and specify what your donation is for and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by Thursday, December 20, 2018. Price of each poinsettia is \$7.00. You may take your poinsettia home following the worship service on Sunday, December 23.

YOUR NAME _____

Specify who and what your donation is for –

FROM TIM & WILMA PALMER

Dear friends and family,
The intent to write this letter began months ago but week by week, daily life and other events kept pushing it aside. So often I wished for a secretary to do emails for me! Thank you to you who continued to pray, sent cards, emails, phone calls or even visited during this long silence. We appreciate your love and encouragement greatly!

Your biggest question probably is how Tim is doing. We are grateful for God's care in good days and not so good days. We are thankful for

the medical care throughout the year and the immunotherapy drug which worked for exactly a year, from May '17 till May '18, suppressing his cancer. Radiation in June greatly reduced one of the lung tumors. Resuming chemotherapy in July every 2 weeks to combat the other spots was difficult for both body and soul. Tim's latest scan in November showed a slow progression of the cancer since August. The chemo may be keeping the cancer at bay somewhat so he will continue with the chemo infusions every 3 weeks for the time being. We are thankful he has the energy again these past few months to take daily hour-long walks at the nearby lake, weather permitting. We are also thankful he has been teaching Church History and Old Testament theology to a small study group for church. We trust God will also care for us in what lies ahead. Thank you for your continuing prayers.

We are thankful we are able to have a "new normal" routine to our lives in which we can enjoy our children and grandchildren. We have enjoyed babysitting Leah (now 20 months) several days each week and thereby enabling Michelle and AJ to more easily do their work at the university (UNL). A very recently joy-filled event was the birth of their second baby, Lydia Michelle, a week ago on December 3! We praise God for this healthy beautiful baby! We also enjoy having them live so near by allowing us to often have meals together, bridge games and good talks. We are grateful we can be a support and encouragement for each other.

Our routine also includes a long-weekend in Iowa each month to visit Daniel and Andrea and Noah (5.5 years), Hannah (3.5 years), Sophia (2 years) and Erica, whose birth on September 5 (our anniversary) was another joy-filled event. We praise God for this healthy, beautiful baby, too! It is always good to see them and we help out by babysitting Friday

and Saturday to enable Daniel and Andrea to both be at The Local Vine, their bistro/restaurant which they started in October 2017. They enjoy their business venture and are thankful that after a slow beginning The Local Vine is becoming a place where both locals and non-locals are enjoying light meals and even a game of Trivia, Cribbage or an art lesson.

We are grateful for other fun times with our children and grandchildren, sometimes meeting at a half-way point like the Omaha Zoo. And we are looking forward to a few days over Christmas having all of our family together here in Lincoln.

Interspersed during the year we are grateful to make a few visits to extended family. In February we visited Tim's mother and his brother and family in Virginia. In May we spent a week in Grand Rapids, MI visiting many friends and colleagues from our Nigeria mission days and with many of Wilma's siblings. In October we visited another of Tim's brothers and his family in Ottawa.

In July we had a large Palmer family gathering in Virginia for the funeral of Tim's mother (95 Years). It was a bitter-sweet reunion. We are very grateful for her long life in which she was a wonderful, loving mom and a godly example for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But we also are thankful for knowing she is now in her perfect forever life with God.

We have started our Advent readings, looking forward to celebrating Jesus' first coming. We are thankful for Handels' musical masterpiece, "The Messiah," and Bach's "Christmas Oratoria"! The music lifts us and we look forward to Jesus' second coming when the new heaven and new earth will be filled with music to his praise and glory!

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas!_____