

SLCRC MIDWEEK

October 31, 2018

Start Where You Are

To start fresh, to start over, to start anything, you have to know where you are. To get somewhere else, it's necessary to know where you are standing right now. That's true in a department store or in a big church, on the freeway or on a college campus...or in life. Seldom does anybody "just happen" to end up on the right road. Occasionally, it seems unbearable.

Consider Jonah, one of the most prejudiced, bigoted, openly rebellious, and spiritually insensitive prophets in Scripture. Other prophets ran to the Lord; he ran from him. Others declared the promises of God with fervor and zeal. Not Jonah. He was about as motivated as a six-hundred pound grizzly in mid-January.

Somewhere down the line, the prophet got his inner directions cross-wired. He wound up, of all places, in a ship on the Mediterranean Sea bound for a place named Tarshish. That was due west. God had told him, Nineveh. That was due east. But Jonah never got to Tarshish. Through a traumatic chain of events, Jonah began to get his head together in the digestive tract of a gigantic fish

What a place to start, sloshing around in the seaweed and juices of the monster's stomach, fishing for a way to get out. Jonah took a long hard look at his dishonest life. He yelled for mercy, He recited Psalms. He promised the Lord that he would keep his vow and get back on target. Only one creature on earth felt sicker than Jonah, the fish, in whose belly Jonah bellowed. Up came Jonah, who hit the road running – toward Nineveh. – Dr. Charles Swindoll

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018 – NOVEMBER 10, 2018

Sunday, Nov. 4: 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Pastor Appreciation
Sunday, Nov. 4: 2:30 pm – Services at Riverside Nursing Home
Sunday, Nov. 4: 5:00 pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm - Youth Groups
Monday, Nov. 5: 7:00 pm – Ministry Leadership Team
Wednesday, Nov. 7: 6:00 pm - Faith Promise Potluck
Thursday, Nov. 8: 10:00 am – Hannah Bible Study

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember the following friends and members who have health issues, are in a nursing home, are homebound, or experiencing personal cares and concerns:

Bob & Rhea Teunis – The Hume House at 1244 W. Southern Ave., Apt. 9, Muskegon, MI 49441

Ruth Wierenga, Etta Peterson, Henrietta Laning, - Homeboundp

George Wierenga is under hospice care and is at home.

Phyllis Dahlman - at Robbinswood

Cheryl Rasinske – Harbor House in Jenison

Marshall Teunis – Marshall is back at American House-17387 Oakcrest Parkway.

Henry & Amy Sterenberg – living at Lake Woods, 1684 Vulcan, Muskegon, MI 49442

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation month. The Council would like to recognize Pastor Mike.

Therefore you are invited to a Pastor Appreciation Time on Sunday morning, November 4 immediately following worship. You are invited to stay for coffee, cider and donuts. A short program is planned in the Fellowship Hall. See your church mailbox for further instructions.

FAITH PROMISE WEEK

Faith Promise Week is November 4 through November 11, 2018. Our Faith Promise Missionary, Lee Baas, will bring the morning message on Sunday, November 4. Faith Promise Pledge Cards will be handed out following the worship service. You are asked to take the cards home, fill them out with your pledge for 2019, and return them on November 11 when they will be collected, totaled and the amount of the pledge announced at the close of the worship service. On Wednesday, November 7 we will have a potluck. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Table service, rolls and beverage will be provided. Children will be excused to attend their class. The adults are invited to stay and hear our speaker for the evening, Sarah Lewakowski. Sarah is the Executive Director of Tri-Cities Ministries and has been for 14 years. Tri-Cities Ministries is the recipient of some of our Faith Promise offerings.

Our offerings are used to help support our Faith Promise Missionaries, Lee Baas, The Driesengas, The Holtrops, and The Tuls. Other agencies receiving funds are The Zihua Roof Society, Sports Camp, and Neighborhood contact events.

WOMEN AND GIRLS CHRISTMAS TEA

It is exciting to announce that once again the Christmas Tea is coming back. It will be held on Wednesday, December 5 in the Fellowship Hall at our church. Women are needed to host a table of eight. The hostess is responsible to decorate a table with her favorite Christmas dishes, centerpiece, etc. and provide a dessert for her table. We also need ladies who just want to come and enjoy a lovely night out. Entertainment will be provided by the Western Michigan Christian High School Ladies Choir. Sign up sheets for both will be provided on the podium. Any questions call Ena Brondyke at 402-4039 or Joyce Van Beek at church at 842-8580.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hospice of North Ottawa Community invites you to their memorial Candlelight Service at Harbourfront Grand Hall, 41 Washington St. in Grand Haven at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 6, to honor their patients who died during the past year. Guests will be invited to share the names of other loved ones whom they wish to remember. Music will be offered by the Grand Haven High School Choral Ensemble. The service is open to the public. Refreshments following.

FROM THE GIDEONS

The Grand Haven area Gideons meet for prayer every Monday to pray for local churches. They recently prayed for our church, our Pastor, and our families. Signed by six of the local Gideons.

SAVE THE DATE

Pastor Appreciation – Sunday, November 4 at 10:30 am

Faith Promise Week – November 4 through November 11. Faith Promise Potluck on Wednesday, November 7.

Household Distribution – November 16.

Thanksgiving Eve – There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service at SLCRC at 7 pm.

Ladies Christmas Tea - Wednesday, December 5

Gingerbread House Build – Wednesday, December 12 at 6 pm

DOING GOOD

It is better to wear out doing good than to rust out doing little or nothing. – *I will instruct you and teach you in the ways you should go. I will guide you with My eye.* – Psalm 32:8