

SLCRC MIDWEEK November 28, 2018

Seek Peace

Turn from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it. – Psalm 34:14

Jesus is the “Prince of Peace” and he wants us to live peaceful lives with each other. Sometimes within families we argue with brothers, sisters, parents, and in-laws.

In countries and communities struggling with poverty, long standing arguments and feuds can be devastating, people might work against each other. That makes it even more difficult to create change.

In Morogoro region in Tanzania, two groups of people lived side by side. One group make their living as farmers. They grew crops on small plots of land and harvested food to eat and sell. The other group consisted of herders. They made their living by raising cows and goats. They would walk with their animals to wherever there was good grass to eat and water to drink.

Problems occurred when the animals would eat crops from the farmers’ fields. To get back at the herders, the farmers would capture and kill the cows and goats they found on their land. After many years of fighting, the two groups considered themselves to be enemies and would not work together.

World Renew staff wanted to help. To do that, they had to get the herders and the farmers to work together. They made several visits to communities to build relationships with them and to teach them how to solve their problems. Eventually 300 people participated in the peace-building process. They decided to work together to learn new farming practices, they also learned to stop their feuding, set aside their differences and resolve their differences peacefully.

Today the herders and farmers are showing how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity. – Devotions from World Renew. World Renew was our special offering for November.

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018 – DECEMBER 8, 2018

Sunday, Dec. 2: 9:30 am - Worship
Sunday, Dec. 2: 10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship
Sunday, Dec. 2: 4:00 pm – Chimes Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 2: 5:00 pm – Bible Study
Sunday, Dec. 2: 6:30 pm - Youth Groups
Wednesday, Dec. 5: 7:00 pm – Women’s Tea
Friday, Dec. 7: 5:00 pm – 60 Plus - all attending the dinner & concert at the
Christian Reformed Conference Grounds meet at church

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, - Homebound

George Wierenga is under hospice care and is at home.

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
Mickey Van Anandel is at Riverside Nursing Home for therapy

PRAYER REQUEST

George Suchecki will be having open heart surgery for the repair of a heart valve on Monday, December 3 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He hopes to return home around December 17.

CONNECT AND DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Connect will meet today. Dinner at 6 pm. Children will be excused at 6:30 pm to attend their class. The adults are asked to help decorate the church for Christmas following dinner.

COMMUNION

Communion will be served this Sunday, December 2. Pastor Hamstra said we should prepare for communion by reading Philippians 2:1-10, *If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but, made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

All women are invited to the Christmas Tea Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 pm, 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. Women are invited even if they do not want to host a table.. Entertainment will be provided by the Western Michigan Christian High School Ladies Choir. Sign up sheets for both are provided on the podium. Any questions call Ena Brondyke at 402-4039 or Joyce Van Beek at church at 842-8580.

CHIMES

The last rehearsal for chimes will be on Sunday, December 2 at 4 pm.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILD

Family and friends are invited to the Gingerbread House Build on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm.

Also check the podium for products needed for building the Gingerbread Houses.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven has invited us SLCRC to join them for their Christmas Service on Christmas Day, December 25 at 10 am and we have accepted their invitation. First CRC is meeting in the Grand Haven Christian School Gym, 1102 Grant St.

BIG BUCK CONTEST

The Big Buck Contest is under way. Check the sheet on the office window for the latest.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Christmas Tea - Wednesday, December 5

Gingerbread House Build – Wednesday, December 12 at 6 pm

Connect – Wednesday, December 19 – meet at 6 pm for pizza followed by Christmas Caroling

Christmas Service – December 25 at 10 am at Grand Haven Christian School with First CRC.

