

## SLCRC MIDWEEK

December 12, 2018

### **P E A C E**

*Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. - 2 Thessalonians 1:2*

Each of Paul's letters begins with a greeting of peace. Some, like this one to the Christians in the Greek city of Thessalonica, end the same way. These words were full of meaning. Paul was reminding the Thessalonians that the Lord, the author of peace, would give his peace always, in every way and under all circumstances. The Thessalonians needed this encouragement badly. They were people who suffered from oppression and persecution, who were confronted with the problem of immorality, who were full of sorrow because of loved ones who had died, who lived among difficult and pagan people, and who were confronted by false religious teachers and people with warped minds.

Paul's words referred back to the reality of the night in which Christ was born. The Lord who gives peace, because he himself is peace, was born to command peace. It is the same peace of which the Lord later would say to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" John 14:27. The Thessalonians claimed this peace, and proved it to be applicable and sufficient in their varied situations. This peace lifted them above their problems. In spite of pressure and adversity, their faith grew so that they became examples to others.

Peace must be practical and practiced! We best begin each new day with God, reading his Word and praying. Then we can think back to this quiet time throughout the day to claim his peace when unrest and discord are knocking at our door. We must remind ourselves that no situation we find ourselves in is beyond the range of God's interest in us. – Gien Karsen

#### **THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018 – DECEMBER 15, 2018**

Sunday, Dec. 16: 9:30 am - Worship  
Sunday, Dec. 16: 10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship  
Sunday, Dec. 16: 5:00 pm – Bible Study  
Sunday, Dec. 16: 6:30 pm - Youth Groups  
Wed. Dec. 19: 12:00 Noon – Lydia Bible Class Luncheon  
Wed., Dec. 19: 6:00 pm – Connect

#### **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 Andel has returned home following therapy at Riverside Nursing Home

#### **PRAYER REQUEST**

George Suchecki has slowly been improving. He has been released from ICU and is in a regular hospital room. He hopes to be released soon and enter a rehab facility for a few days.

### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILD**

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

### **CONNECT**

Connect will not meet this Wednesday, December 12, but will meet again next Wednesday, Dec. 19. Come for pizza, followed by Christmas Caroling to our homebound and shut-ins.

### **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 \$6,100.00., 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.

### **LOWER LEVEL**

Check the pictures on the way down to the lower level of our Youth Groups who meet on Sunday evening at 6:30 pm.

### **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.

### **LETTER FROM THE SALVATION ARMY – OUR SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER**

Dear Friends,

Good things are happening at The Salvation Army this Christmas season, and special friends like you to thank.

Children who didn't think Christmas was coming to their house this year are receiving toys and clothes. Hungry families are receiving groceries fit for a holiday feast. Struggling neighbors without a home are being rescued from the streets. And it is all possible through your kind generosity.

With your help, The Salvation Army is reaching out to more hurting people in our community than ever before. And looking to the New Year, we expect to help even more neighbors in need.

We must be prepared to reach out to each and every person who turns to us. Your year-end gift will help us start the New Year strong, ready to change lives with the love of God. And you have my word, we will make the most of your generosity to help as many people as possible.

Thanks for partnering with The Salvation Army – and for bringing real help and hope to those who need it most.

God bless you, Captain Jay Davis