

SLCRC MIDWEEK

November 18, 2020

A Prayer Of Confidence

I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand. – Daniel 2:23

Daniel lived in a pagan land ruled by a ruthless king. But when that king had a troubling dream, Daniel asked God for wisdom, and the Lord gave him its interpretation. Daniel exalted in thanksgiving. In our own days of troubling world events, let's thank God He's still in control.

Dear Lord, the times are in Your hands and so are we. You warned that perilous times would come in the Last Days, but You also told us the Last Days would prepare us for the return of Christ. We are apt to be troubled by politics, upset by elections, fearful of the pandemic, and wary of rulers. But You, O Lord, direct the affairs of history; and if the prophet Daniel could praise You in Babylon, we can praise You in our modern world. Thank You for being on Your throne. The rulers of this world with their power and pride are no match for Your sovereign rule. – Dr. David Jeremiah

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember the following friends and members who have health issues.

Rhea Teunis is at The Hume House at 1244 W. Southern Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441

Ruth Sikkenga is at Robbinswood Assisted Living

Henry Sterenberg is living at Lake Woods, 1684 Vulcan, Muskegon, MI 49442

Cheryl Rasinske is at the Harbor House in Jenison and dealing with health issues

Donna Wierenga is at Grand Pines Assisted Living

Donna Gelderman- Donna has dialysis three times a week

Mickey Van Andel – is back at American House

Gradus Kamps – Remember Gradus who is dealing with cancer

UPDATE AND INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

On Tuesday evening the SLCRC Council met to talk about the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and how we as a church should respond as we consider the safety of our church family and our community. After prayerful consideration we have decided that we will be moving our worship to a digital platform on Sunday mornings through the end of the calendar year. This will also include our Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve worship services. As a council, we will reconvene in three weeks to evaluate the health of our congregation and our community and to determine if it is best to continue this path or if any adjustments are required. We do not envision COVID-19 going away in three weeks, but we want to make sure our communication is open with each other and also with all of you.

We are asking for your patience as we seek to implement a different form of digital worship than we did in the spring, prior to our return to in-person worship. While we were grateful for their work and dedication, the time commitment involved for Pastor Mike, Jennifer and Brandon Sytsma with regard to recording, editing and uploading our weekly worship services was too demanding. Beginning this Friday afternoon and each following Friday you will receive a Zoom link via email from Pastor Mike to watch our Sunday morning services. Click the link on Sunday morning at 10 am to watch the service live. If all goes well, you will be able to use the same Zoom link every Sunday morning, but a reminder email with that link will still be sent each

Friday. We are all new to this, but we feel we have a plan in place to make this a positive experience for all.

Please keep Pastor Mike, Jennifer, our praise team, our sound and video technicians in your prayers as we all learn this new technology together. Our hope is to bring the wonderful worship service experience each Sunday morning into our living rooms.

We will still be recording each Sunday worship service the way we have done for years and putting the service on DVDS for those members desiring to pick them up as they normally would. We are eager to meet and worship in person again, and we look forward to the day when we can come back together again. Thank you for your continued understanding, patience and prayers. God Bless you all. Your Council at Spring Lake CRC

FROM DONNA GELDERMAN

"I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards and food that were sent to me. May God bless all of you in these trying times. I know we all would like things back to normal and pray that it will be soon." Sincerely Donna Gelderman

HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTION

We still plan to have our drive-by Household Distribution on Friday, January 15, 2021. Products for the distribution are still needed. You may drop off your bag of supplies for the distribution to the church Monday – Thursday, 9 am to 12 noon.

POPCAN DRIVE

The SLCRC Youth Group wants to thank everyone for supporting their fund raiser. Thus far they have raised \$400.00. They really appreciate your support and this will be an ongoing fundraiser.

LOVE IN ACTION

Thank you for your amazing support over this past year in a time when we have provided more services than ever in our history, your gifts of food, funding and other items have kept our programs serving our neighbors in the Tri-Cities. To contrast this year from 2019, Love in Action provided just over 14,000 food offerings a year ago. In the same period this year, LIA has served over 30,000! We thank you for all that you have done to makes us a clearing house that blesses people across northwest Ottawa County.

Ways you may contribute:

Food is needed more than ever. Donations can be dropped off at 1106 Fulton St. Grand Haven You may purchase Simply Give Cards at Grand Haven Meijer between now and January 2, Consider making a year-end gift between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

THANKSGIVING TO GO

Four Points is offering a Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 24, 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Meals are for seniors 60 and older and can be picked up in the Four Pointes parking lot. You must pre-order by tomorrow, Thursday, November 19 at 3 pm. Call 842-9210. Cost is \$5 per meal and it is limited to 2 meals per person.

THANKSGIVING AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Church in Spring Lake is offering Thanksgiving Dinners on November 26, but only curbside pickup or meal delivery. Meals must be requested by Friday, Nov. 20 at 842-1702 by 3

CLOSING REMARKS

Love you more. - God