

SLCRC MIDWEEK

January 13, 2021

God's Blessings Are Inexhaustible

Wherever you are, the blessings of God are nearer than you know. When the Lord created the universe, He built into it billions of blessings, *all the stars that twinkle, winds that blow, raindrops that fall, plants that grow, flowers that bloom, friends who care, verses that strengthen, music that plays, medicine that heals, tasks to do, books to read, dogs to pet, trips to take, herbs to smell, clothes to wear, hymns to sing, prayers to offer and plans to anticipate*, are just to name a few. Each one is a separate blessing from, God. They can never be used up, and their supply endures forever.

God's blessings are not confined to the natural world. His invisible world is even broader, and His treasury of forgiveness, redemption, peace, joy, maturity, and eternal life (with an imperishable body in a celestial city on a new earth) are just as real. The Bible says God has "blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

Take a moment now to identify a specific blessing for which you can thank God for.

- Dr. David Jeremiah

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember the following friends and members who have health issues.

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 Anandel – is back at American House

Gradus Kamps – Remember Gradus who is dealing with cancer

Addie Ruitter – continues to have seizures up to 25 a day

Faith Promise Missionary Lee Baas – hip replacement surgery

OFFERING SCHEDULE

January 17 – General Fund/Faith Promise

January 24 – General Fund/Capital Improvement

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, January 14 – 10 am - Hannah Bible Study

Friday, January 15 – 5 pm - Household Distribution

Sunday, January 17 – 10 am Worship Service at church`

Sunday, January 17 – 6 pm Senior High Youth

HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTION

We plan to have our drive-by Household Distribution on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5 pm.

Ena Brondyke, Brandy Buys and Janelle Westerveld are overseeing this ministry. They want to thank everyone for the wonderful response to their request for products needed for the give-away. They have filled over 40 bags of non-food products to distribute. Thank you everyone!

FROM MICKEY VAN ANDEL

"I want to thank all the people who prayed for me and sent cards. I am feeling much better now. I still wish we were able to meet together. I enjoy the weekly news letters."

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

The Council met Monday, January 11, and they determined that we will again meet in church for worship beginning this coming Sunday, January 17 at 10 am. Pastor Mike has sent or will be sending a letter from Council explaining the requirements that apply to worship including meetings and Bible studies. If however you do not feel comfortable in coming together, virtual worship will still be available for you

FROM FAITH NURTURE

The Faith Nurture Committee met yesterday. At this meeting it was decided to offer a Connect class for children in grades 3 – 6 at church on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 pm beginning Wednesday, January 20. A light supper will be served at 6 pm and then a class will be held, led by Mark Brondyke and Paul Foulkes. Parents with children in this age group will receive more information soon about this decision. Also Senior High Youth Group will begin meeting this Sunday at 6 pm. Faith Nurture is recommending adults select a program from Right Now Media.

FROM LAKESHORE PREGNANCY CENTER

On Sunday, January 17, 2021, thousands across America will shine a light on the Sanctuary of Human Life. At Positive Options (a service of Lakeshore Pregnancy Center) we are joining with them to uphold the truth that every life is divinely planned and lovingly designed in the image of Almighty God. It is our vision to build a vibrant community where every life is valued, loved protected and transformed because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lives are being saved through the free medical services delivered with compassion and wise Biblical counsel. Couples are being prepared for their parenting journey through ongoing support, membership and material services.

Making Life Disciples is a small group training that equips anyone to become safe, educated and responsible encouragers for those facing an unplanned pregnancy, considering abortion or those who have participated in a past abortion.

WORSHIP ON THE WATERFRONT (WOW)

In 2018 after many years of service and leading, First Reformed Church of Grand Haven stepped back from being the engine that kept WOW going all those years. Internal struggles and a shrinking congregation were taking its toll on the church. Worship On the Waterfront was growing by leaps and bounds, and the church no longer had the volunteer support or energy to run it. A core group of WOW leaders formed the Michigan nonprofit corporation Community Concert Connections of West Michigan late in 2019 to takeover and continue managing WOW as a summer Sunday-evening gospel-centered waterfront event in Grand Haven, Michigan, at the city's waterfront stadium, now renovated and known as the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium. Worship On the Waterfront is a free outdoor summer worship series held every summer for ten Sunday nights. On any given Sunday night, there are 2,000 to 4,000 people attending,

WOW 2021 will kick off on June 20 with Cory Asbury. They are busy lining up the talent for the rest of the season. Changes will be announced as far as admission and skip passes. A Spring concert for April, 2021 is in the planning stages and it will be a celebration of Worship on the Waterfront's 74th year. Look to their Worship on the Waterfront facebook page and future newsletter for more details.

CLOSING REMARKS

I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light. – Mary Gardiner Brainard