

## **SLCRC MIDWEEK**

**July 21, 2021**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*  
Simply put, I believe Matthew 6:33 teaches that “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” We must know what the most important thing in our lives is and keeping our priorities in line. In our society today we see a huge emphasis on commerce and material things, but we must remember that things are not most important to God. He wants us to have and enjoy nice things, but He demands first place in our lives. We are taught to seek the kingdom of God and His way of being and doing before we seek anything else.

The word seek is a very strong word. It means “to pursue,” “to crave,” and “to go after with all your might.” When we seek something we think about it often and we are willing to pay the price to have it. Some people even fall into the trap of seeking God as He will give them the things they want. When we do that our motives are wrong and God withholds what we want. God is pleased immensely when we want to spend time with Him just because we love Him. He is also pleased when we praise and worship Him just because He is.

When we put Him first, keep Him there and seek to do things His way, we are showing that we delight in Him. Then he gives us the desires of our hearts (See Psalm 37:4). – Joyce Meyer

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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. Donna fell and broke her arm

Addie Ruitter – continues to have seizures up to 20 a day

Dale Carlson – Dale is now at Mary Free Bed in Muskegon for rehabilitation and slowly improving.

### **PRAYER REQUEST**

Cal Vork entered Mercy Hospital in very very serious condition dealing with many health issues. Shar has asked for prayers.

### **WORSHIP ON JULY 25**

Our July 25 worship service will be held indoors, led by Pastor Bob Pohler. His sermon message is “God’s Strategy to Save the World” taken from Genesis 12:1-9. We will look at God’s surprising plan to bless all people through Abram and his offspring. The importance of faithful obedience will also be emphasized. Our guest accompanist is Sheri Merz.

### **OFFERING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 25, 2021 – General Fund/Capital Improvement

Sunday, August 1, 2021 – General Fund/Benevolence

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Saturday, July 24 – Baby Shower

Sunday, July 25 – 10:00 am - Worship Service

Tuesday, July 27 – 6:45 pm – Softball Game against Grand Haven Seventh Day Adventist at Crockery Township Hall, 17431 – 112<sup>th</sup> Ave., Nunica,

### **SPECIAL OFFERING**

Remember the special offering this Sunday for the new irrigation system being installed at the parsonage and new drip lines put in around church.

### **PIG ROAST**

Be sure to mark your calendar for a pig roast to be held at church on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:00 pm. Everything will be provided. Come for good food and great fellowship. The Pig Roast will be held on the south side of church.

### **REMODELING**

Remodeling is winding down. Yesterday the phone lines were moved down to the new Administrative Offices. New carpeting is being laid in the Fellowship Hall. Dick Postma and Carol Sytsma met with someone with a green thumb to help us decide what to plant in our newly created garden plots outside the main entrance of church. Twenty-five new chairs with arms for the sanctuary have arrived and will be put in place soon. New lights for the sanctuary are in and will be installed probably before the new chairs are put in place.. It is exciting to see all that is and has happened. Now the next big thing is putting things back in place.

### **CHURCH SOFTBALL GAME**

Again, It was a great night for a church softball game. It was even more fun, because SLCRC won 31-24. The next three games are at the Crockery Township Hall, 17431 – 112<sup>th</sup>, Nunica.

### **FROM LEE AND CAROLYN BAAS**

Dear Friends at Spring Lake CRC

*THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING...A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS.* Ecc.1:1

A few weeks ago I had a call from a missionary couple working in Asia. They said, "God told us to leave this country. We asked God for a special sign and He gave it to us." Have you ever asked God for a specific sign so that you would have proof that HE was leading you? Did you wait for HIM to show you the proof? Is that what the above verse is about?

This **NEWSLETTER** comes with the big question. Will you, our prayer supporting friends, join us in asking God to show us what we should do and will you continue to pray for us?

For more than 20 years we have provided counseling and supportive care for missionaries wherever they are working in the world. In March, 2020, Covid forced us to stop our travels. We expected that we could resume our visits in a few months but that has not happened. For over a year we have only been able to chat with missionaries through some electronic media. That is very limiting and less effective. If we don't travel to the missionaries, we will not need funding. The gifts you gave in the past were to cover our travel and in-field expense. Carolyn and I can continue to pay for our own expenses. We have money in our ministry account to cover some visits if we are able to travel in the future.

We can never get along without prayer supporters. Even though we do not need your funding, we would like to remain in your missionary list as long as we are able to work with missionaries. We will continue to look for someone to take over this ministry. As those who have contacted us have been challenged to this ministry but felt that they would not be able to handle the type of work we do, **May the Lord bless you for your prayer support.**

Love Lee and Carolyn Baas

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Walking in wisdom means making decisions today, that you will be happy with tomorrow.