

SLCRC MIDWEEK

September 8, 2021

Praying to Our Sovereign God

Have you ever wondered why the Lord wants us to pray? After all, He controls everything, and His plans won't fail because of our lack of intercession. Yet amazingly, through prayer, He allows us the privilege of being involved in His work. Prayer connects inadequate people to an all-sufficient God.

One of the reasons for prayer is that it teaches us to depend on God. That is why Philippians 4:6 tells us to talk with our Father about everything. (*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*) James 4:2 adds that sometimes the reason we don't receive is because we haven't bothered to ask. However, this does not mean we'll automatically receive whatever we request. God isn't subservient to us—He works all things after the counsel of His will, not ours.

Another reason we should pray is because God wants us to bear much fruit. If we abide in Christ and His words abide in us, our requests will align with His will, and we will receive what we ask (John 15:7) Then our faith will be strengthened to trust Him in even greater ways. And the more we rely on Him to provide, protect, and guide us, the deeper our relationship with Him will grow. – Dr. Charles Stanley

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.

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

Jeanette Bulthuis –Jeanette is at Robbinswood – No visitors

Dale Carlson – Dale is home and visitors are welcome.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Our September 12 worship service will be led by Pastor Bob Pohler. Pastor Pohler will be leading worship five times between now and November 14. He will be doing a "series" of messages on "the Little Books of the Bible." His message on September 12 will be on the book of Obadiah. He will highlight the major theme of the book of Obadiah and apply it to our lives today. As always, Jennifer will select appropriate songs loved by us the SLCRC congregation.

OPEN HOUSE HANDOUTS

Immediately following worship on Sunday, everyone who is able, is asked to pick up Open House Door Knob Invitations to our Open House to view our newly remodeled church. The Open House will be held a week from today, Wednesday, September 15 from 6 – 8 pm. You will be assigned an area around church to hang the door knob invitations. The requirement is to hand the invitations before next Wednesday, September 15.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – 10 am Worship Service

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – 11 am Coffee Fellowship & Doorknob Handouts

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 6 – 8 pm Open House

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – General Fund /World Renew-Haiti

Sunday, September 19, 2021 – General Fund/ Faith Promise

BIRTHDAY

Henry Sterenberg will celebrate his 93rd birthday next Tuesday, September 14. His address is The Cove at Lake Woods, 1776 Vulcan, Muskegon, MI 49442.

SIXTY PLUS

Thank you all you 60 plus folks. There is interest in meeting again. Our first gathering will be Friday, September 20. Meet at church at 11:15 am to car pool to Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven. We are asking you to sign up on the sheet on the podium if you are planning to attend..

SUPPLIES FOR OUR NEXT HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTION

The next Household Distribution will be held on Friday, September 17 at 5 pm. Products needed are Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap and Shampoo. Leave your products at the new Supply Room. Homemade dish cloths are welcome..

CROP HUNGER WALK

It is that time again for Crop Hunger Walk. It will be held on Sunday, October 3 at Second CRC in Grand Haven. Sign-up starts at 1:40 pm. There will be a very brief service at 2 pm. Walkers then can head-off on designated routes. No food will be served before the walk. Apples will be available as the walk begins. See the flyer in your church mailbox along with an envelope for your donation to the Crop Hunger Walk.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LETTER FROM LEAH SWEETMAN

Dear Friends,

I write to you today in awe of God's goodness. Thank you for your prayers and glory to God. Between my day to day work projects at the office and new opportunities my schedule has been filling up. I have had the chance to use my knowledge and love for sports. Nicaragua Christian Academy (NCA) has a girls volleyball team this year and I am assistant coach. I love getting to know the girls and helping teach the fundamentals of the game. I am also helping out with a camp for 4th-6th grade students teaching them softball, which I played for 17 years.

I continue to work at the Nehemiah Center which includes some responsibilities in the Communication Department, where I write some content in social media posts as well as sharing blog posts that help our audience engage with the work the Nehemiah Center is doing. I also helped write a new program proposal and grant application which was a great learning opportunity. I also continue participating in the spiritual modules that the Cohort program focuses on. A few weeks ago we had a virtual retreat to create intentional space for spiritual reflection just over half way through our year of service and to get an update on the work happening across Central America. It is incredible to see the critical role the denomination has played in the ministry and international community throughout the years that I learned at a gathering of the missionaries here in Nicaragua.

Please continue to pray for health and safety and for the Nehemiah Center. Also join me in giving thanks to God for his faithfulness and answers to prayers thus far and pray that He would continue to do the same through each season. All glory to God. A Dios sea toda la Gloria.

CLOSING REMARKS

A miracle would not be a miracle if it could be explained. – J.C. Ryle