

## SLCRC MIDWEEK

September 30, 2020

### If You Are Breathing, You Have a Purpose

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

**G**od didn't create anything without a purpose. If you are breathing, you have a purpose. In Christ, you have something to offer the world. Nobody has been you in the past or will be you in the future. Even identical twins are different in thousands of ways. Your thumbprint, voice, footprint, heartbeat, and eyes are unique. You are one in trillions. God custom-made you. He wants you to be you. And, yet, you may spend your life trying to be somebody you're not. When you do that, you miss your whole purpose.

God did not make you and put you here on this planet just to breath air, take up space, and die. If you are here, there is a contribution that only you can make. You are God's masterpiece. Before you were born, God planned the good things he wanted you to do with your life. In other words, he gave you a ministry. Everybody has a ministry. You can find your ministry by looking at how God shaped you. He gave you unique spiritual gifts, abilities, and experiences to help other people.

When you see how you are shaped and use that shape to bless others, then you will find your ministry. And you will find your purpose. – Pastor Rick Warren

### 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

Donna Wierenga is at Grand Pines Assisted Living

Donna Gelderman- Donna has dialysis three times a week

Muriel Peterson - Muriel fell again and is slowly recovering from her fall

Addie Ruitter-Addie is the granddaughter of John & Faith She will be going to the University of Michigan Hospital for tests and may be submitting to an 18-20 hour brain surgery.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 4, at 10 am** – Indoor Worship Service

**Monday, October 5 at 7 pm** – Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### **WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, October 4, 2020 AT 10:00 AM**

The Worship Service on Sunday, October 4 will be held indoors at 10 am led by Pastor Mike. His sermon title is "Self Control", text I Corinthians 9:24-27. Council is asking you to wear a mask when entering church and when you leave. If you do not want to sit in the sanctuary it is suggested you sit in the Fellowship Hall or the nursery where you can view the service on TV. Song sheets will be available Communion will be served. The offering will be for the General Fund and Benevolence. You may leave your offering in the collection baskets as you exit the service. REMEMBER YOUR CROP WALK ENVELOPES.

### **WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**

Pastor Mike has Sunday, October 11 off. Pastor Bob Pohler will lead our service.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

There will be a memorial service for Amy Sterenberg this Saturday October 3 at 11 am at church with visitation outdoors at 10:30 am, weather permitting. The congregation is welcome to attend with social distancing and masks will be required.

Next Friday, October 9 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Pastor Mike and Janelle.

Hannah Bible Study will begin meeting Thursday, Oct. 22 at 10 am. Lesson will begin at John 5.

## **CONNECT**

**This year Connect will come to your home!!** You should have received material yesterday from Mark Brondyke and the Faith Nurture Team via email for your Stay at Home Connect Meeting. Remember if Wednesday night does not work for you, do it another time. Be sure to pick up material on Sunday at church for next week's lesson.

## **FROM LEE AND CAROLYN BAAS, FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES**

Friends at Spring Lake CRC,

Thank you very much for taking time to pray for us and for encouraging us in the ministry that he has given us. May God bless your thoughtfulness.

Covid-19 has been a big challenge to our ministry as we help missionaries where they are working. We had scheduled 10 overseas visits this year. Six of those were follow-ups with missionaries we had worked with previously, three were new requests and the remaining visit was a seminar and counseling of missionaries which had been requested over one year ago.

Because I "knew" this would be a busy year, I traveled to West Africa in January, to India in February, and to Cambodia in March. As you know traveling stopped at this time. Actually, I had to catch a couple of different planes to get back to the USA in late March because some airlines were not flying their international flights. Since April, I have had to work with contacts by e-mail or through conference calls like Skype or International telephone calls. While I appreciate the fact that I can still keep in contact, I am very aware of the fact that helping a missionary or mission group while I am there with them is so much better. In some cases, it seems almost impossible to help them from a distance.

Please pray with us that I can soon travel again. Pray also for our good health and energy. Thank the Lord that Carolyn can continue to handle the administrative part of our ministry. Carolyn joins me in thanking you for showing us your love. Lee and Carolyn Baas

## **POPCAN DRIVE**

The SLCRC Youth Group wants to thank everyone for supporting their fund raiser by bringing in your empty pop cans, glass and plastic bottles. Thus far they have raised \$300.00. Again they really appreciate your support and this will be an ongoing fundraiser,

## **TRI-CITIES 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK**

The Tri-Cities 46th Crop Hunger Walk will be held on this Sunday, October 4 at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, beginning at 1:40 pm, with send off at 2 pm, all done with masks, distancing and safety. No food will be served. CROP WALK ENVELOPES were handed out last Sunday. Please return them this Sunday with your donation. Thank you!

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

For grandparents: When your grandchildren come to visit, kiss them once when they come and twice when they leave. – Try that with a mask on.

