

April 12, 2020 Easter

We will be joining each other in worship from our homes.

<u>God's Word:</u> Pastor John Rozeboom will share from Mark 16:1-8

Oakdale Park Church will be streaming worship services at **10:00 a.m**. on **Sunday mornings**, until we can meet again, on the OPC YouTube channel: <u>https://bit.ly/opcworship</u> or OPC website <u>https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/</u>. Through YouTube, you may also watch the service at a later time.

Offering: Ministry Partner: Celebration Fellowship

<u>Responding:</u> Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.

Virtual Coffee Hour: You will have the opportunity to connect with others immediately following worship. Join a coffee hour by clicking on one of the Google Hangout links, posted below the service stream on YouTube or the OPC website.

<u>Today</u>

7:00 amSunrise Easter Service—virtual (links above)10:00 amEaster Service - virtual (links above)11:00 amJoin us for online coffee hour! (info above)1:00 pmKinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.7:00 pmHSYG on Zoom— contact Sammy to join!

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

We praise God with **Justin & Liz Brown** on the birth of their son, **Ryan Christopher**, on April 9. Ryan was 6lbs, 9oz. and 19.5in. Congratulations, also, to grandma, **Julie Veeneman**!

Our sympathies to **Duke & Marilyn Bazuin** in the passing of Marilyn's sister last week. May God provide comfort during this difficult time.

Nora Jones has been moved to the NICU at DeVos. We are thankful that she is doing well and gaining weight. Pray that her liver tests would be favorable and for continued growth and development. Also, pray for Arianna, Pastor James, and Denise.

Pray for healing for **Linda Rozeboom** as she recovers at home from back surgery. Linda is able to walk, carefully, and she and Pastor John are thankful for all of the cards, calls and support.

Pray for **Casey & Heather Hannink**, son and dau.-in-law of **Rick & Elaine**. Heather is hospitalized, on bedrest, in FL related to pregnancy complications and is at 23 weeks. So far, baby is not in distress and is doing well. Pray that she will be able to carry the baby safely to full term.

Pray that many would hear and accept the message of Jesus' resurrection this Easter!

Continue to pray for those who live alone or are not able to visit with family and friends during this time. There is a list for our encouragement project in the center of this bulletin and many others in the directory who would love to hear from you.

Oakdale Gratitude/Praise List (from our Prayer Line): We need a positive way to encourage each other and praise God during our time apart. You are encouraged to write down 3-5 thankful words or phrases each day. These can be small or large things, answers to prayer, things that made you smile, ways you saw God working, etc.—anything that you are thankful to God for. When we gather again, we want to have a HUGE list of praises! If you'd like to contribute to this, please send to Jill (tjberg411@gmail.com) and she will include these on our list.

Youth Ministry

Come have some fun with your HSYG friends on Easter Sunday. **Online HYSG begins at 7 p.m.**

The link to the Zoom room is: https://bit.ly/3c0OaiC Meeting ID: 565 741 842 Password: HYSGRocks (Don't forget the password....:) See you Sunday!

Wednesday activities: Due to the newest stay at home order and out of concern for the health of our participants, Wednesday activities, including Kids Clubs and Lifetree, will be cancelled for the remainder of the school year. This includes our Spring Picnic scheduled for early May. Stay tuned for more information regarding summer events and activities. We look forward to resuming in September 2020.

In need of prayer? The prayer team is available to pray with you, confidentially, by phone—text or call to set up a time to pray with Cindy Plantenga (616-421-5874), Gen Riekena (616-204-0918), Jayne Ver Beek (616-947-4198), Lisa DeYoung (616-818-8512) or Deanna Stout (616-206-4860). Elders are also available to pray with you as well as the Pastoral staff.

The **Prayer Line** is a place to share prayer requests and read encouraging verses and meditations. Send prayer requests to Jill at <u>tjberg411@gmail.com</u> or contact Marcy to receive prayer line emails (adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org).

Employment Resources & Diaconal Assistance: Visit (<u>https://www.covidwm.org/employee-resources</u>) to connect to valuable resources such as:

- Filing for unemployment
- What the Federal Cares Act means for you
- Job opportunities
- Mental health resources: OPC participates in the Pine Rest Church Assistance Program (CAP), which covers 3 free counseling sessions. Just tell them you are a member of OPC when setting up your first appointment.
- Video messages from CAP: https://bit.ly/3ccFNjR and https://bit.ly/2VmqoqD

Milestone Birthdays

A very happy 85th birthday to Mary Browneye on April 29!

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Ministry Staff

The Lead Pastor position is currently vacant. Contact your Elder, Deacon, or Church Office with concerns. Pastor James Jones. Pastor of Congregational Care and Outreach pastorjamesjones@oakdaleparkchurch.org ---Cell: 808-9371 Pastor John Rozeboom, Ministry Administrator johnrozeboom@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 560-3698 Pastor Claude Ngendahayo, Pastor of Kinyarwandan congregation bishopmaseka@gmail.com—Cell: 432-8231 Maurice Townsend, Worship Director worshipdirector@oakdaleparkchurch.org ---Cell: 885-3815 Karen Bobo, Children's Ministry Director childrendirector@oakdaleparkchurch.org -- Cell: 560-7341 Sammy Beuker, Youth Ministry Director OPCyouthdirector@gmail.com—Cell: 581-5014 Cathy Peless, Building Maintenance janitor@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 265-8836 (new) Marcy Emmelkamp, Administrative Assistant adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org -- Office: 452-5764

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| Community Requests Compassion DeaconTracy Anderson Secondary Compassion Deacon Emma Jones | | |

*Oakdale family compassion requests, please contact your district deacon. Sermon podcasts at: www.oakdaleparkchurch.org Hearing Loop System & Devices available - please speak with an usher.

Encouragement Project

Due to the contact restrictions, many of our 'shut-ins' are unable to have contact in person with friends and family right now. Please remember to pray for these friends and/or send cards & notes to let them know you're thinking of them!

Bill(& Lee) VanderKodde 2111 Raybrook SE #3000 GR 49546 Roger & Doris Van't Hof 2121 Raybrook SE #344 GR 49546 Harold & Jessica Kuizema 2121 Raybrook SE #165 GR 49546 John Pastoor 1700 Leonard NE #302-2 Grand Rapids 49505 Luann Pastoor 1657 Kalamazoo SE Grand Rapids 49507 Diane DeHaan 2000—32nd St. SE #21 Grand Rapids 49508 Sid Lautenbach 2000—32nd St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508 John & Joan Nidefski 2619 Kalamazoo SE GR 49507 Alexis Coger 929 N. Gaylord Ave. Ludington, MI 49431 Cyndi Grady 2349 Timberbrook SE #51 Grand Rapids 49546

Other helpful links:

- Lifeway Prayer Guide: https://bit.ly/3bQWWiU
- 24-7: https://www.24-7prayerusa.com/prayer-resources
- Pine Rest Resiliency Strategies: https://bit.ly/39M3NsA
- Teen Mental Health: https://bit.ly/3bWKQVH
- Calvin University: https://bit.ly/39KycaU

Plaster Creek Stewards Green Team: Plaster Creek Stewards is hiring high school students who live, learn, or worship in the Plaster Creek watershed to help with restoration projects this summer. Want to learn more about your watershed, gain skills in green infrastructure (eg trees, rain gardens, native plants), and get paid to make new friends? Please apply online at: www.calvin.edu/plaster-creek-stewards (look for Green Team tab) or email plastercreekstewards@calvin.edu for a job description and application. Application deadline has been extended to April 20.

Struggling to afford food, rent, or childcare during COVID -19? 2-1-1 can help! Call, text, or email to get referrals to resources in Kent County. Visit: <u>https://www.hwmuw.org/211</u>.

Food Pantries: http://accessofwestmichigan.org/covid-19/

From ACCESS– This year's **Walk for Good Food** will be in your own neighborhood (between May 3-13) to raise support for organizations working to address food access and poverty. https://bit.ly/2ViiD55 or <u>alaina@accessofwestmichigan.org</u>

Loving Your Neighbor Conference (LYN2020)- Calvin Theological Seminary invites you to its 3rd biennial conference July 6-8. Keynote: Rev. Dominique DuBois Gilliard Theme: *Loving Your Neighbor: Forming Citizens of God's Kingdom in Prison and Upon Re-entry*. www.calvinseminary.edu/lyn2020

Kids! Visit the Kids in Action channel to see kids making a difference: www.youtube.com/c/kidscornerty **Are you doing something special to help others during your time at home?** Send a video to: https://bit.ly/39ZWMon

The Kids Corner offers creative online resources for kids and families. Visit: **www.kidscorner.net** for these free programs:

- Liz and Friends
- Bible Stories Podcast
- Kids Corner activity page

And, free audio books: https://stories.audible.com/discovery

In April, pray for James & Barbarita Lee (Mexico).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip (crcna.org/FaithFormation):

Children learn best through story, so create a special time this week to share the Easter story with the kids in your life. Use an Easter picture book or read stories from Jesus' ministry, Holy Week, and Easter from a children's Bible. Show kids that God's story is full of hope and joy!