



Mission Statement:
God's life-changing, never-giving-up,
all-inclusive love transforms us into a
multicultural community
of hope.

Oakdale Park Church
 Loving God. Loving Others. Right Here.

May 3, 2020

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

God's Word: **Rev. Noah Kruis** will bring a message based on **Luke 17:11-19**

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: <https://bit.ly/opcworship> or OPC website <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/>. Through YouTube, you may also watch the service at a later time.

Offering: **Oakdale Ministry**

This supports the ongoing monthly expenses of our church. You may give electronically at <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/give-online/> or by mail: 961 Temple St. SE, GR, MI 49507.

Responding: 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.

Today

- 10:00 am Worship Service - virtual (links above)
- 10:45 am Join us for online coffee hour! (info above)
- 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.
- 5:00 pm DIVE meeting on Zoom
- 6:30 pm HSYG on Zoom

Calling all 2020 graduates! Please contact Marcy (adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org) if you or someone in your immediate family is graduating from **8th grade, 12th grade, or college** this school year.

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

We rejoice with **Greg & Kayla DeWeerd** in the birth of their son, **Marshall Case**, on April 28. Marshall weighs 7 lbs, 10 oz and is 21 inches long.

Nora Jones is now over 3 pounds and using an oxygen canula. Pray that she will continue to gain weight and strength and for endurance and peace for Arianna, Pastor James, & Denise.

Pray fervently for **Carina-Mae Hannink**, infant daughter of Casey & Heather, who now has an infection. Pray that this can be treated quickly and that she will continue to grow and develop.

James DeYoung continues to recover from his car accident and reports that his pain is under control - pray for him as he runs his business from home. Pray for a successful surgery to repair his collar bone on **May 7**.

Pray for our missionaries: Jenny LeMahieu (Papua New Guinea), James & Barbarita Lee (Mexico), Mark & Kristen VanAndel (Detroit), & Ken & Chris VanWeerdhuizen (NC).

Continue to pray for our friends: Rita Gray, Mary Browneye, Cyndi Grady, Marilyn Bazuin, Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis.

Items from the Prayer Line:

- Pray that we, who follow Jesus, would be sensitive and reach out to our Muslim and Jewish friends and neighbors to encourage their search for God (Jesus), asking God to show them the straight path.
- Pray for all those who are hurting and lonely.
- Pray for protection from COVID-19 for those in our prison system and for healing for the inmates and workers who are ill.
- Pray for all people working hard to meet so many needs of others right now....grocery stores, hospitals, and beyond.
- Pray for those impacted economically...for business owners, for those who have lost jobspray for God's grace and provision
- Pray for patience and peace within families while everyone is home together and the weeks and days may seem long.
- Pray for wisdom for those developing a vaccination.
- Pray for discernment for our government leaders as they make difficult decisions.
- Pray that people will feel God's presence, comfort, peace and love around them during this difficult time.

Youth Ministry (YM)

HSYG meets **weekly** on **Sundays** from **6:30—8 pm** on Zoom. Visit: <https://bit.ly/2S5wmv3> Meeting ID: 826 4322 2747 Password: HSYGrocks!

Dive meets **TONIGHT (5/3)** and on **May 17** from **5:00—6:00 pm** on Zoom. Visit: <https://bit.ly/2xMSqUB> Meeting ID: 853 6601 3236 Password: DIVERocks!

Please read the attached letter from the Elders & Deacons.

We are tentatively planning (hoping!) for **Summer Children's Worship** (ages 3-6) to begin on June 7. We will need 2 adults and 2 adult/youth helpers to teach each week. The lessons and activities are easy to teach and require little advanced preparation. **Visit this site to sign up:** <https://bit.ly/35oFalq>

We want to hear from you! Please complete the brief survey at: <https://bit.ly/2ya8sYO> this week.

We have many opportunities to pray together!

Tuesday morning prayer (6:00-7:00 am)

All are invited to a time of prayer and intercession for Oakdale, using a conference call. To join, call: 701-802-5015 and then enter this Access Code: **234826#** Please announce yourself when connected. Questions? Call Cindy (616) 421-5874.

The prayer team is available to pray with you by phone—text or call to set up a time to pray with **Cindy Plantenga** (616-421-5874), **Gen Riekema** (616-204-0918), **Jayne Ver Beek** (616-947-4198), **Lisa DeYoung** (616-818-8512) **Deanna Stout** (616-206-4860) or **Cal DeVries** (616-245-3863). Elders and Pastoral staff are also available to pray with you.

The **National Day of Prayer** will be on **Thursday, May 7**. You are invited to join CRCNA prayer meetings via Zoom at **10am, 2pm, and 7pm**. Visit: <https://bit.ly/2KhhPIg> to register.

During this "Stay at Home" time, the Oakdale Park office is closed and staff are primarily working from home, with limited exceptions. The OPC voicemail is being checked regularly—please leave phone messages at 616-452-5764 or email: adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org. For pastoral care concerns, please continue to contact Pastor James or your Elder.

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Ministry Staff

The Lead Pastor position is currently vacant.

Contact your Elder, Deacon, or Church Office with concerns.

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Community Requests Compassion Deacon..... Tracy 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.

Don't forget to complete and return your 2020 Census!

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: <https://www.hwmuw.org/211>.

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

Counseling Services: As a member of OPC, each member of your household is able to access up to 3 free confidential counseling sessions at Pine Rest through the Church Assistance Program (CAP). Find info at: <https://bit.ly/2Yq7I1Q> Call 616-455-6210 to arrange a telehealth visit. CAP is also offering a helpful video series about coping with challenging situations. Visit <https://bit.ly/2KQ4irx> or <https://bit.ly/3bQK64K>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT RE: SECOND BEST SALE

We regret to inform you that, by recommendation of the Oakdale Second Best Sale team and agreement of Council Chair John Carman, **the Sale is cancelled for June 2020**. With little or no inventory available from Calvin University, the SBS team also considered exposure issues of volunteers picking up and unloading, in folding any clothes available; and the impossible challenge of maintaining safe separation between our neighbors who line up, visit, shop, and pay.

We recognize real community ministry losses in cancelling the Second Best Sale -- of course, meeting so many neighbors, providing good clothes and household items at low cost, and also praying and working together a lot as Oakdale members and friends to prepare for and put on the Sale, are all real losses for Oakdale and our community.

Cancellation takes away about \$15,000 of Oakdale income for Youth Ministries. Oakdale has identified, for the congregation's consideration in giving, a special Sale designation for gifts to offset the loss of 2020 Second Best Sale income. Please contribute if you are led to do so.

Thank you,
 The Second Best Sale team with Council Chair John Carman

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 alaina@accessofwestmichigan.org

Loving Your Neighbor Conference (LYN2020)- Calvin Theological Seminary, July 6-8. Keynote: Rev. Dominique DuBois Gilliard. www.calvinseminary.edu/lyn2020

The following employers are currently hiring:

- **Amazon:** www.amazon.com/jobs
- **Kent County:** <http://www.accesskent.com/jobs>
- **Praxis Pkg:** www.specializedstaffing.com/praxis-3
- **Hex Armor:** PPE assembly <https://bit.ly/2KkeJ6t>
- **Aldi:** <https://bit.ly/3boZYv1>
- **SpartanNash:** <https://bit.ly/2RUpsxx>
- **Meijer:** <https://bit.ly/2ytlnDP>

Giving Tuesday (5/5) requests from community agencies:

Volunteers in Service (<https://visgr.org/>) These are challenging times, but caring hasn't stopped. Because of your support, caring is happening now more than ever! Thank You!!

Mel Trotter Ministries is currently providing about 150 additional meals per day. **Every \$2.17 provides a meal and more.** <https://www.meltrotter.org/extrameals> to help.

In May, pray for Jenny LeMahieu (Papua, New Guinea).

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

God's big family is made up of people from every country on earth! Print off a world map and put it on your refrigerator or kitchen table. Each day, or once a week, choose a country (or if there are kids in your household, take turns). Learn about that country and pray for the needs of its people.