



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 10, 2020

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

God's Word: **Rev. Noah Kruis** will bring a message based on **John 3:1-17**

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.
- 6:30 pm HSYG on Zoom

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Our sympathies to **John & Linda Carman**, in the passing of Linda's mother, Adeline "Pete" Nienhuis. Pray for comfort for John & Linda and family in the coming days.

Rita Gray was hospitalized this week. Pray that they are able to diagnose and treat and that she will be feeling better soon.

James DeYoung had surgery on 5/7 and is now recovering at home. Continue to pray for healing for James and strength and energy for Lisa and the kids as they support him.

Please pray for **Shanda Ruis** and **Niraj Flowers** who are recovering from COVID19. Please pray for healing and for protection **Gerry, Karen, and Naija**, as they provide support. (It is requested that this information not be shared on any social media).

Please continue to pray for **Nora Jones** to continue to gain weight and strength. Pray for strength and encouragement for **Arianna, Pastor James, and Denise**, as well.

Continue to pray for **Carina-Mae Hannink**. We praise God that there is NO infection in her spine or her brain. Pray that her lungs and body would get stronger and she would continue to gain weight. Pray also for **Casey & Heather**, and **Rick & Elaine**.

We pray for wisdom and guidance for our **Council, leaders, and pastors** as they work to fill the interim pastor role.


Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: 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

Pray for our **missionaries** in the work they are doing around the world. Pray, especially, for **Mark & Kristen VanAndel** as COVID-19 has impacted them greatly. As they shared in their update, "We have had dozens of friends and neighbors who have contracted COVID-19, a few who have been hospitalized, and unfortunately, a couple who have died. While the vast majority of people do recover from the virus, it still feels to us as if death is fairly consistently crouching at the door. And the racial disparities in how the virus disproportionately affects African-Americans are a sad reminder of the inequity that persists in our city and country. These realities affirm the need for us to advocate on behalf of the oppressed and vulnerable among us and be mindful of healthy practices while loving our neighbors."

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 will meet on **May 17** from **5:00—6:00 pm** on Zoom. Visit: <https://bit.ly/2xMSqUB> Meeting ID: 853 6601 3236 Password: DIVERocks!



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**. Please include school, level completed, & degree awarded .

From Children's Ministry: This unique and unprecedented situation has changed many aspects of how we must live and gather. With great sadness, we have concluded that the **2020 Summer Children's Worship will not be held as originally planned**. Thank you for your understanding and support! Stay tuned for more information about Children's Ministry dates.

We want to hear from you! Please complete the brief survey at: <https://forms.gle/V3eqR7nf9mdYGn3g7> by **Tuesday, May 12**.

The **Christian Education Committee** started a **Pop-can Drive fundraiser**, and *then COVID happened!* We know that you are not able to return cans right now, so we ask that, if possible, you to **HOLD ON TO YOUR RETURNABLES** until June. We will be collecting cans once it is safe to do so. We appreciate your helping us with this effort!

OPC Office: 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
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*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.

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 2nd Best Sale team with Council Chair John Carman

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.

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

Today is Mother's Day and Free A Family® Sunday with World Renew. Remember your mother with a gift that helps other moms from poverty and hunger with your offering for World Renew. <https://worldrenew.net/free-a-family#give>

Resources

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/2Yq711Q> Call 616-455-6210) to arrange a telehealth visit.

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>

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

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

Today is Mother's Day. For some it's a joyous occasion. For others, it's a reminder of grief. Whatever your experience, give thanks today for the women in your life (biological mothers, adoptive mothers, mentors, teachers, and others) who pointed you toward Jesus and helped you along your faith journey.