



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

**May 31, 2020**

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

**God's Word:** Chaplain Lisa DeYoung will bring a message, Interrupted, from **Matthew 14:13-21**

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.

**For Your Personal & Family Prayers**

Continue to pray for healing, strength, and growth for **Nora Jones**. Nora currently requires a ventilator for breathing – please pray that medications will be effective, for strength and endurance for Arianna, Pastor James, and Denise, and for wisdom for the medical staff.

Pray for **Carina-Mae Hannink**, infant daughter of Casey & Heather, as she grows and gains strength in the NICU, as well. Pray, too, for grandparents, Rick & Elaine.

**Emily Veenstra-Banning** is thankful for our continued prayers for her to heal and regain strength.

**Today, we celebrate our graduates** (complete list sent with bulletin). Please pray for all of our graduates (and their parents) as this time is different than anticipated...lamenting/grieving while trying to remain positive and celebrate in different ways.

Pray for residents in the **Oakdale neighborhood**. Pray that we can find ways to reach out and be hospitable during this time where hospitality looks different due to the pandemic.

Pray for an **end to violence in our city**.

**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 that people everywhere would come to know the one TRUE God and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.** Pray especially for those of Muslim faith as their time of fasting during Ramadan is finished. They are promised that if they keep the rules of Ramadan their sins will be forgiven. Pray that they will come to know the truth, and experience having their hearts become clean through belief in Jesus Christ.

**Pray for protection and strength for missionaries as they share the love and hope of Jesus in various parts of the world.** Pray specifically for the missionaries supported by OPC: **Rev. James & Barbarita Lee (Mexico), Mark & Kristen Van Andel (Detroit), Jenny LeMahieu (Papua New Guinea), and Ken & Chris VanWeerdhuizen (JAARS in North Carolina).**

**A note of thanks:** Thank you for the prayers, cards, texts and food! Gerry, Karen, Shanda, Naija, and Niraj!

**Thank You** Our heartfelt thanks to **George Visser** for using his gifts and talents to transition and support Oakdale Park in streaming online worship. We are so blessed by your faithful service! Thank you, also, to **Stephen Tanner** who has stepped in to help with this task in recent weeks. **We appreciate both of you!**

**The Plans for Ministry and Communal Worship from Council is now on the [Oakdaleparkchurch.org](http://Oakdaleparkchurch.org) website.**

- **Men!** Bring your own breakfast and coffee and join us for a **virtual Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** on **Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 am.**
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86347707659> Please join us—we'd love to catch up with you! **\*\*Note that this is occurring on the FIRST Saturday this month.\*\***



The Grand Rapids IAF Organizing Team is presenting an online training, "**Organizing During COVID-19: Strategies for Pandemic Resilience**" on **Thursday, June 4** from **4:00—6:00 pm.** Paul Turner, a national organizer with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), and Allison Colberg, director of the Micah Center, will reveal what happens when all voices arrive at the table where decisions are being made about their lives. **Sign up at:** <https://bit.ly/3ceFLaT> **by Wednesday, June 3.** You will receive a Zoom link to the event after you register.

**We celebrate these Milestone Anniversaries in June!**

- **Mel & Maria Pruis—June 5—49 years!**
- **Gerry & Karen Ruis—June 6—50 years!**
- **John & Linda Rozeboom—June 17—54 years!**
- **Harold & Jessica Kuizema—June 28—71 years!**

**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 checked regularly—please leave phone messages at 616-452-5764 or email: [adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org](mailto:adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org). Please contact Pastor James or your Elder for pastoral care concerns.

## Oakdale Park Church

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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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Secondary Compassion Deacon..... Emma Jones

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



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. Thank you!

### 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.

### Service Opportunities

**Covenant Furniture Ministry** - Covenant CRC of Cutlerville has had a diaconal outreach to the needy in the Grand Rapids area for 18 years. Our donations have decreased by 67% recently but emergency needs continue. We are asking for your help. **Do you have household items you no longer need? We need bedroom, living room and kitchen furniture.** We also provide towels, bedding, & kitchen items (cooking, baking, dishes, glasses silverware, appliances, etc.). Please call Bob at 616-706-7854 to arrange for pickup or delivery.

**Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired** is seeking housing (rooms for rent) for two (individual) participants. Each of these men lives independently, despite visual impairments, and is seeking housing with access to a bus line. Please call Cheri at 616-458-1187 ext. 331 if you can help.

**World Renew Disaster Relief** is connecting with government officials and other organizations to plan a response to flooding from the breach of the dams on the Tittabawassee River in Midland, MI. Please pray for the flood victims, for churches located in the flood zone, and for those organizing a response during the pandemic. Please check [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs) for updates on how you can help.

### 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.

**Employment:** Visit: <https://www.mitalent.org/> for local companies that are hiring. Also, Hex Armor is seeking light assembly for PPE—see: <https://bit.ly/2KkeJ6t>.

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

**Loving Your Neighbor (LYN) Conference (now Online)** - Calvin Seminary invites you to its 3rd biennial LYN conference, which will be held online **July 6-8, 2020**. For info and to register, **visit [www.calvinseminary.edu/lyn2020](http://www.calvinseminary.edu/lyn2020)**.

The world has been radically shaped by COVID-19, and it's difficult to know how to think—and what to do. Calvin University, Institute for Christian Worship, and Seminary, have put together a series of online courses that welcome learners from different cultures, generations, & career experiences. These 3-week (fee) courses are offered from June 1—July 31. Sign up for a course today! [calvin.edu/go/covidshapedworld](http://calvin.edu/go/covidshapedworld)

You're invited to join the CRCNA Great Lakes Team for a virtual book club conversation on Sentness: Six Postures of Missional Christians (K. Hammond & D. Cronshaw). Sign up for a conversation session here: <https://bit.ly/2Xc3CDQ> and we'll send you a free book.

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

Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Check out [thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/](http://thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/) for a wonderful 5-minute video that traces the movement of God's Spirit from Genesis to today. How might you become more aware of the Spirit's work in your everyday life?