



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

July 26, 2020

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

God's Word: Seminarian Emily Veenstra-Banning will bring a message, **Sabbath: Sign** from **Ezekiel 20:10-26**

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: Missions: Mark & Kristen Van Andel

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)
 11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.

This Week at Oakdale

Tuesday: 6 am Prayer (call 701-802-5015, code 234826#)

Thursday: 11:00 am CLEAR (small group mtg, no lunch)

Sunday, August 2: Online worship

10:00 am Worship (English)
 1:00 pm Worship (Kinyarwandan)

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Praises that **Ed Riekema** is home and doing well after fighting an infection.

Paul and Wanda Nederveld's foster grandchild has been reunited with her birth mother. Prayers for all in this adjustment period.

Pray for **Julie Veeneman** as she starts a new immuno-therapy treatment and that it would be effective.

Continue to pray for **Luann Pastoor** as she recovers from surgery.

Pray for **Rose Marshall** as she heals from her cataract surgery and as she prepares to have another one in the near future.

Continue to pray for **Denise Jones** – that the medication would be effective and for her strength and energy.

Continue to pray for health and strength for **Nora Jones and Carina Mae Hannink** – and also for their families.

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill (& Lee) VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis.

Oakdale Opportunities

As we prepare for Fall, there will be other volunteer positions posted in coming weeks. Please prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve.

Transition Announcements

The Council of Oakdale Park Church is pleased to announce that **Rev. David Sieplinga** has agreed to serve as Oakdale Interim Minister.

Rev. Sieplinga retired in 2015 after serving core city congregations in Omaha, Grand Rapids, Chicago, Muskegon, Indianapolis and Holland. Since then, he has served three congregations as a transitional minister, one in East Lansing and two in Kalamazoo. Rev. Sieplinga's ministry-long passion has been to be a part of a body of Christ that represents the heavenly vision of an all-nations fellowship of committed believers (Revelation 5:9-10), a local Antioch-like church that worships and serves in the reality of the "one new humanity" Christ created through the cross (Ephesians 2:14).

We anticipate Pastor Sieplinga will be with us for the next year as we discern how we are being called to follow God's leading. Stay tuned for information about socially-distanced events that will give you an opportunity to meet Pastor Sieplinga this fall.

We are pleased to welcome **Rachel Bredeweg** to the position of Administrative Coordinator. Rachel attended Seymour CRC growing up and is a recent graduate of Hope College with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Religion. Rachel will be in the Oakdale office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. She looks forward to getting to know all of you.

Milestone Birthdays & Anniversaries in August

- **Ed Riekema—August 2—82 years!**
- **Harold Kuizema—August 16 — 95 years!**
- **John Pastoor—August 29 — 84 years!**
- **Lou & Sue Ellis —August 7—55 years!**
- **Phil & Edi Bajema —August 7 — 45 years!**
- **Ed & Gen Riekema—August 13— 55 years!**
- **Rick & Elaine Hannink— August 22—40 years!**
- **Ken & Donna VanIddekinge—August 23—51 years!**
- **John & Luann Pastoor—August 31—41 years!**

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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.

Diaper Shower—Ester Kamaliza (foster daughter of Pastor Claude & Florence) and her husband, **Moses**, are preparing for the birth of twins, mid-August. Pray that the babies, Andy and Abby, are able to receive the benefit from every day that Ester can carry them towards full term. Ester has been unable to work for several weeks but the pregnancy has gone well. Their two older brothers, James & Elijah, are ready for them. **Let's bless this family with a diaper shower!** You can drop off a gift at church (on Mon, Tues, or Thurs, this week) or their home, or send a gift certificate for Target, Meijer, Walmart, or Aldi to: 869 Beech St SW Wyoming 49509. Phone: 616 259-2592. Email: kamalizaester@yahoo.com.

A sincere thank you to the Oakdale Park Church congregation and staff for your encouragement and support in my role as Administrative Assistant for the past (almost) 3 years. I have accepted an MSW position with Reliance Community Care Partners (Holland Home) beginning in mid-August and look forward to the opportunity to use my social work degree in a new capacity. Many thanks! - **Marcy Emmelkamp**

Community Announcements

From Pastor Church Resources

CRCNA Position Openings - The Christian Reformed Church in NA has two part-time (20 hrs/wk) position openings with Pastor Church Resources: 1) Ministry Vocational Consultant and 2) Women's Leadership Developer. Both positions can be located in the Grand Rapids, MI office, the Burlington, ON office, or remote residing anywhere in the US or Canada. We are open to having one person fill both positions. If interested visit www.crcna.org/jobs and complete an application by August 14, 2020.

From Resonate Global Mission

Campus Ministry position @ Michigan State University (MSU) Campus Edge Fellowship, a CRC ministry that provides support, solidarity, and fellowship to the graduate students and professional academic community of MSU, is seeking to employ a full-time campus pastor. See msu.edu/~tempelma/CEFPastorPosition_2020.pdf for position description. The search committee will start reviewing applications on August 17, 2020 but later submissions will be reviewed until the position is filled. Contact Corwin Smidt at smidtc@msu.edu

In July, please pray for Mark & Kristen Van Anandel.

From Back to God Hour Ministries International:

- **"Finding Strength and Support in Scripture"** - This four-part Bible study podcast series and ebook can help you or someone you love draw power from God's Word to grow in your faith when dealing with dementia, anxiety, depression, and chronic illness or pain. Visit: groundworkonline.com/findingstrength.
- **Justice and Righteousness** - It seems that on earth, justice cannot keep up with evil and corruption. Study Micah 6:8 and Romans 3:21-22 with us to see why righteousness is intricately connected to justice in God's eyes and learn what this means for how we live faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. Listen now at <https://bit.ly/2OxNojc> and subscribe to Groundwork for future episodes.

Join **Safe Church Ministry** for a webinar entitled, **"Why the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Study Matters: Implications for Serving Those that Have Experienced Trauma & Adversity"** on **Wed., July 29 at 12 pm EDT**. This event will be led by Tara Boer, Safe Church Coordinator of Classes Iakota & Heartland via **Zoom** at <https://crcna.zoom.us/j/97045620205> **Password: RHRRSng2K2FT-L0tYY2N2WE9wdGtIQ09** **OR Meeting ID: 970 4562 0205; Password: 541830**

The **Office of Social Justice** is pleased to present the **Do Justice podcast**. What better to listen to in the summer than a brand new podcast? We're starting conversations on justice with fantastic guests. Listen and subscribe on your favorite platform today: <https://anchor.fm/do-justice>

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

Mealtime prayers remind us that God provides for us and model for kids how to connect with God regularly and sincerely. Here's a table prayer by Maureen Edwards, from *Blessed Be Our Table*, Wild Goose 2003. "Loving God, bless our food and drink, our friendship and our laughter, that we may be renewed in body, mind, and spirit to work together for the coming of your kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Amen."