



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

**April 4, 2021**

*We will be worshipping together online and in-person (initial invite list).*

The lily in front of church this morning is in memory of **Bill Vander Kodde**. This resurrection Sunday, we rejoice with the VanderKodde family, in the hope of life everlasting with Christ.

**God's Word:** God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **He is Risen!** from **Mark 16:1-8**.

**Offering:** Oakdale Ministry

**Responding:** Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.

**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**  
 6:00-7:00 am Tuesday Prayer Time  
<http://bit.ly/OPCTuesdayPrayer>

**Wednesday**  
 9:00-10:00 am Wednesday Prayer Time  
<http://bit.ly/OPCWednesdayPrayer>

**Thursday**  
 11:00 am CLEAR (small groups)

**Sunday, April 11:**

10:00 am Online Worship (the initial invite list)  
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service  
 2:00-4:00 pm DIVE  
 5:30-7:00 pm HSYG

**For Your Personal & Family Prayers**

Pray for comfort and peace for **Nate and Amy deVries** and their family as **Nate's mom** passed away on Saturday. Pray also that they may have safe travels as they go to Iowa for the funeral.

Praises that **Minnie VanderSteen's grandson Kevin** is doing well after breaking his ankle and the bones are healing properly. Pray that he may have continued healing.

Please pray for the **Einfeld family as Aaron Einfeld's grandfather, Frank Einfeld**, passed away on Sunday at the age of 100. They were able to celebrate his life, and his going to be with the Lord, with a private family celebration yesterday.

Please continue to pray for **Maria Pruis** as she fell on her head in Florida while exiting church. She also broke a bone in her foot during the fall. Please pray for her pain to diminish, for her energy to be restored and that she will be able to get around ok with the walker. Pray also for full and quick healing.

**Anne Diepenhorst's son, Chris**, is home from the hospital and recovering from appendicitis. Please pray for healing.

Praises that **Rose Marshall** was able to get her stitches removed this week after foot surgery. Continue to pray for healing and that she will be able to put her full weight on her foot soon. She is thankful to everyone for their prayers

Praises that **Harold Kuizema's** pacemaker surgery went well. **Harold Kuizema (and Jessica)** would like to thank the Oakdale Family for their kind prayers and support for his pacemaker procedure last week. His chest is healing and his heart is beating strong so continue to pray for his healing.

**Verna Haverhals' friend, Antonio Parker**, is currently receiving a treatment in the hospital in Saline, Michigan. Please pray for him to be encouraged and for the treatment to work so that he can return to the Grand Rapids area soon. This will allow him to be closer to his friends and family, many of whom have not been able to see him for over a year.

**From Pastor James Lee (Mexico)** - *"Thank you Oakdale Family for your offerings that give to God's work in Mexico as well as your prayers. We are doing well and love you. Have a blessed Easter service!"*

**Pray for strength and encouragement for friends:** Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Lee VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski and Alexis Coger.

**In-Person Worship Update**

Oakdale's COVID-19 Task Force met last week Sunday and agreed to maintain our policy that while the positivity rate for COVID-19 remains above 5% in Kent County (7-day average), **we will continue to limit the number of people in the building on Sunday mornings to the initial invite list of those with trouble accessing the services online and those who live alone.** We are hopeful that this present rise in infections will not last long as more and more of us are vaccinated. When the positivity rate has dropped and we are able to open again to more people you will be notified. Please pray with us that these numbers may come down soon and many more will be vaccinated, as we long to worship with you all.

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## Oakdale Announcements and Opportunities

**Please Note: Pastor James'** laptop died earlier this week and he has been having issues getting it up and running again. He has access to his emails on his phone but if you're waiting to hear back via email it may take a little longer than normal. As always, you are welcome to reach out to him via cell phone for anything urgent. (616) 808-9371

### "Scripture and Prayer Exercise" by Lisa DeYoung

Included in the Tuesday's prayer line for the next 7 weeks will be a link to a brief video inviting you to journey with Christ through his death and resurrection using contemplative prayer. I will be reading a brief scripture passage and then invite you into an imaginative prayer exercise based on Ignatian Prayer. You are welcome to listen and/or watch whenever it is convenient for you. But a new link will be available for the Tuesday prayer line each week. For those who want to get the most out of the exercise, I invite you to have a Bible and journal handy so that you can respond to the prayer prompts in your own creative ways through writing or drawing or further prayer time. This week's video can be found at <http://bit.ly/TheEmptyTombPrayer>

### Ramadan Prayer Guide

April 13 is the beginning of the month of Ramadan, when many of the world's 1.8 million Muslims (almost a quarter of the world's population!) will be seeking to draw nearer to God in fasting and prayer. The month of Ramadan offers an incredible opportunity for us as the Christian community to pray for our Muslims neighbors. Resonate Global Mission is offering a prayer guide to help Christians pray for Muslims during this season. The Prayer Guide has been included in your bulletin envelope if you would like to utilize it. Those interested in learning more about how they can relate to their Muslim neighbors are invited to contact Pastor Shannon.

**At-Home Faith Formation** - "The Practice of Celebrating: Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the "living hope" that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. And in this pandemic year, express your gratitude for the way God's love has carried us through these very difficult times

In April please pray for James & Barbarita Lee

Included in this envelope is a survey from the Discernment Team as they are continuing to seek God's will for the future of Oakdale. We encourage you to take some time to prayerfully fill this out and return it to the office via mail or by dropping it off in our mail box.

### Mark 16:1-8

"When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought aromatic spices so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. They had been asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled back. Then as they went into the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here. Look, there is the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples, even Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Then they went out and ran from the tomb, for terror and bewilderment had seized them. And they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid." (NET Bible)

