



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

April 18, 2021

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

God's Word: God's Word: **Pastor Shannon Jammal-Hollemans** will bring a message, **God Among Us** from **Luke 24:13-35**.

Offering: Oakdale Ministry

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Today we will share together (from home) in the joyful feast of our Lord, remembering the forgiveness of sins that we receive through Jesus Christ. We welcome you to prepare your own elements in order to join in the Lord's Supper with us.

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.
 5:30-7:00 pm HSYG (at Church)

This Week At Oakdale

Monday
 6:30 pm Council Meeting
 8:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meeting

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 25:

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

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Praise for the Baptism of **Marshall Case DeWeerd!** We are so thankful you are part of the Oakdale family!

Praises that **Maria Pruis** is recovering from her fall and that she was able to receive the Covid vaccine. Continue to pray for a full recovery.

Please continue to keep **Jeff and Kathy DeJong** in your prayers as they grieve the loss of **Jeff's mom**. Also continue to keep The **DeVries Family** in your prayers as they grieve the loss of **Nate's mom**.

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.

Going forward the Prayer Line emails will be sent out on Tuesdays and there will not be a regularly scheduled prayer line email on Thursdays unless there a major updates that need to be shared.

As of this week, please send any prayer requests to be included on the prayer line to Lisa DeYoung at lisady75@gmail.com. You may also leave a voicemail or text at (616) 818-8512. Lisa will only include items that she has been given permission to share. So, if you have something from a previous prayer line that you would like her to continue to share, please let her know ASAP.

In-Person Worship—Council Usher Schedule

Please arrive to assist by 9:30 am

April 18 *Sue Ellis, Noah Menerey, Aaron Einfeld, Cathie VanderSteen
April 25 *Zac Baker, Chris Burgess, Peggy Moore, Mandy VanderMeyden
May 2 *Ralph Mason, Gen Riekena, Zac Baker, Jayne VerBeek
May 9 *Chris Burgess, Emma Jones, Sue Ellis, Noah Menerey
May 16 *Aaron Einfeld, Cathie VanderSteen, Nate deVries, Peggy Moore
May 23 *Mandy VanderMeyden, Harland Holman, Gen Riekena, Ralph Mason

Bill VanderKodde Memorial

This Saturday, April 17th, at 11:00 am we will be remembering the life of **Bill Vanderkodde**. As many of you remember, Bill was welcomed home by the Lord on January 24. Bill was a faithful member of Oakdale Park CRC where he served as a youth group leader, mission board member, and elder over the years. He is remembered by his wife Leora and many loving family members. There will be no visitation before hand but members of Oakdale are welcome to view the memorial service on Oakdale's website at 11 am.

Men's Breakfast

Due to the rising COVID case numbers, we have decided the cancel the Men's Breakfast this month so we will not be meeting this Saturday. Pray that the numbers in Michigan will go down so that we will be able to meet in person next month.

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Aaron Jonker—Council Clerk

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Community Requests

Emma Jones (475-6961) &

Peggy Moore (821-1976)

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.

Oakdale Announcements and Opportunities

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. Guides were mailed with the bulletin last week for people to use as they choose to. Those interested in learning more about how they can relate to their Muslim neighbors are invited to contact Pastor Shannon.

Important Announcement Regarding The Second Best Sale for 2021

Due to continued COVID related health concerns, the Oakdale Second Best Sale for June, 2021 is cancelled. We recognize real community ministry losses in canceling again this year, including meeting so many neighbors, providing good clothes and household items at a low cost, praying and working together by Oakdale members and friends to prepare for and put on the sale.

The Second Best Sale typically takes in close to \$15,000 to help support Oakdale's youth ministries. If you would like to make an extra donation to offset this loss of income, please indicate "Second Best Sale" on your budget envelope or on-line contribution.

In April please pray for James & Barbarita Lee

COVID-19 Vaccine Transportation - If you are 60+ and think you might need a ride to get your COVID-19 vaccine, you may be eligible for a low-cost or donation-based ride to your vaccine appointment. The Kent County Health Department is teaming up with several local organizations and paid and volunteer drivers to support rides for seniors/elders to get to and from vaccination clinics. For more Information call Ridelink (616) 774-1288 OR Kent County Community Transit (616) 243-0876

Youth Ministry Update:

HSYG will be meeting at church this Sunday from 5:30-7:00 pm.

At-Home Faith Formation - "The Practice of Celebrating: Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5 " (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)"

2021 Directory

As some people have moved since the last official directory was sent out we have put an updated directory online. We will be sending out a more official member directory later this year in the late summer/fall once we have had the opportunity to update photos of our members. If you would like a copy of the updated address directory in the meantime, let Rachel know in the office (616) 452-5764 and she will get a copy to you.