

"Winning People for Christ and Equipping Them to Serve."

# **JULY 21, 2024**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone. Come and join together in the spirit of the psalmist, who wrote: "I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me" (13:6). Let this time of worship be joyful. Let us express out love for God and appreciation for one another.

# -ORDER OF SERVICE-

Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Call to Worship** 

**Worship Songs** 

How Great Is Our God

Whom Shall I Fear

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Dismiss Kids** 

**Prayer** 

Sermon

**Pastor Rich Langton** 

"Do Not Be Anxious" - Matthew 6:24-34

Prayer

**Closing Song** 

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

**Blessing** 

**Postlude** 

Our Connections Pastor would love to hear from you! Pastor Kathy Vana: kathy@rehoboth.church

# -SCHEDULE-

#### **TODAY**

9 AM, Morning Prayer 9:30 AM, Worship Service

Speaker: Pastor Rich Langton 10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School

#### THIS WEEK

Monday, July 22

1:30 PM, Esther Circle, Host: Mick S.

Tuesday, July 23

7 PM, Worship Practice

Thursday, July 25

4:30 PM, Food Distribution

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### Sunday, July 28

9 AM, Morning Prayer

9:30 AM, Worship Service

Speaker: Mike Krick with World

**Orphans** 

10:50 AM, Adult Sunday School

12:30 PM, Pricilla Circle Summer Picnic Home of Ivan & Ruth Stahl

Tuesday, July 30

7 PM, Worship Practice

Thursday, August 1

4:30 PM, Food Distribution

<u>Out</u>: Jason, July 19 - 28 Pastor Kathy, August 1 - 8

## -FROM THE CONSISTORY-

We certainly enjoy the children in fellowship with us after the service and their enthusiasm is great to see. However, in the past few weeks there have been a couple of close calls that could have resulted in serious injury to both adults and children. We

ask parents therefore, to remind their children not to run in the fellowship hall or by the people engaged in conversation. Thank you for your consideration.

# -CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY-

June 11, 2024

Clark Dykhouse addressed Consistory with some updates and requests from the security team.

Brent opened with prayer and devotions by presenting this question- What kind of church does the Lord want us to be?

He offered 4 things- spiritually minded (Col. 3:16), evangelistic (Acts 8:4), doctrinally pure (Rom. 16:17) and at peace with itself (I Cor. 14:33)

An updated job description for Pastor Kathy during our time of transition and a new Care Team ministry description were presented and approved. Both will help us serve God's people at RRC and be more effective in ministry. The CCHC and parsonage contract extensions were reviewed and approved with some minor changes. Written reports from the ministry teams were received, but no discussion or action was needed.

Consistory recognized the difficult place the Worship and Praise Teams are in with the Lead Worshiper role vacant. We received feedback from members of those teams about the challenges they are facing and asked that they continue to bring those challenges forward so the Consistory can help. We offered encouragement, some advice, and pledged our support in making a long-term vacancy sustainable, should that occur. Because as a church, we lack a clear vision and proper support for that position, it was decided by consensus not to fill it before attempting to address those issues.

New Ministry: We received an update about progress made with our Supervisor, Pastor Gary Jarvis, in forming the agenda for our next meeting with him. Pastor Gary will continue to ask probing questions at our June meeting to help us discern if we have unresolved issues and, if so, how they might best be resolved.

Due to our Consistory Vice-President and Pastor, as well as several members scheduled to be gone, there will be no Consistory meeting in July.

Lisa closed the meeting with prayer from the book Pray the Word for Your Church.

Compiled by Pastor Kathy Vana- Connections Pastor for Rehoboth Reformed Church.





**SUMMER** Kids Church Dismissals: Kids Church classes, Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be dismissed when service is over along with nursery and toddler classes, now through Labor Day weekend. Thank you!!

<u>Kids Check-In</u>: Don't forget to check-in your child(ren) upon arriving at church at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings! Here children will be registered, if they aren't already, and given name tags. Our name tags help the kids church volunteers learn names, they will include your phone number(s) to contact you during service if needed, and will even include any allergies your child(ren) may have.

**Nursing Mothers:** Downstairs in the toddler room there is a private nursing room for you to nurse. There is a TV installed in the nursing room so that you can watch and enjoy service in real time in the comfort of the private room. You are most welcome to use it whenever the need arises.

<u>Kids Church Busy Bags</u>: Parents, do you have little ones that just aren't ready to venture to kids church and leave you yet? Worried they won't be entertained during service? We have the answer! "Busy Bags" are now available at the check-in desk near the welcome center. Please help yourself and take home.



# -ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Seeking Kids Hope Mentors: Do you have one extra hour a week that you could spend pouring into the life of one student at McBain Public Elementary School being a mentor! We are looking to add mentors to our Kids Hope USA mentoring program for the 24/25 school year. If this is something that you would be interested in please reach out to the Kids Hope Director Jessica Whetstone (231) 920-8082. \*Please see more information by grabbing a handout at either of the bulletin tables ©



<u>Volunteers Needed</u>: We are in need of a few more volunteers in our Audio/Visual Sound Booth to help cover the weekly services. Informational/Training meetings have been set up. If you have any interest at all, and would just like to come and check out these positions, please join us: **Sound Booth – Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 PM** OR **Projection – Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 6 PM.** If you would like more information on either of these positions, please contact Deb Rozeveld or Brent Eisenga.

<u>World Orphans</u>: On **SUNDAY**, **JULY 28**<sup>th</sup>, World Orphans will be at Rehoboth and leading our church service. From leading worship to speaking and sharing more about their ministry, it's going to be a great Sunday!

<u>Priscilla Circle Picnic</u> will be at the home of Ivan and Ruth Stahl on **SUNDAY**, **JULY 28**<sup>TH</sup> at 12:30 PM. A beverage and brats will be provided. Please bring a dessert or salad to share. Spouses and friends welcome for a time of food and fellowship.

<u>Mission Speaker</u>: On **SUNDAY**, **AUGUST 4**<sup>TH</sup> Emily DeRuiter, one of our missionaries, will be with us to give an update on what she has been doing since last fall!

# -COMMUNITY-

**Lucas CRC Diaper Party:** Please contact us via email address

karenpluger@hotmail.com or by a phone call or text 231-846-7586 by 5 PM on July 26<sup>th</sup> if you are in need of diapers and wipes for the various children in your home. Also, let us know of the sizes of diapers needed when you contact us. We would love to assist you in your time of need. We are located across the street from Little Blessings Day Care. Hours of Operation: **THURSDAY**, **AUGUST 1**<sup>ST</sup> 4 PM – 6 PM and **FRIDAY**, **AUGUST 2**<sup>ND</sup> 4 PM – 6 PM.

Lake City CRC Final Summer Kids Event! Fintastic Frenzy, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> from 6 PM - 8:30p PM! Kids ages 5 through 6th grade are invited to join us for all things shark, while we use S.H.A.R.K. to learn more about who Jesus is! This is a free event and pre-registration is encouraged by using this link:

https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/766e293649. Walk-in registration will also be available the night of the event. Lake City CRC is located at 1657 N. Morey Rd., Lake City. Questions? Call 231-839-4978.

Project Canefire staff, former volunteers and new potential volunteers: Project Canefire is having a reunion picnic on TUESDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> at 5:30 PM (meal at 6 PM) at Keith Dicks barn at 2431 Workman Rd. A picnic meal will be provided so come and fellowship with the board and other volunteers and get information about the upcoming Project Canefire mission trip for 2025. Hope to see you there! Please contact Betsy Diemer at betsydiemer@gmail.com for more information and an rsvp. Thanks!

Grip, Grit, and the Gospel! Men and women, join us FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> at Friendship CRC in Byron Center for the Bible League conference Grit, Grip and the Gospel Inspiring audiences of all ages and stages, keynote speakers Craig and Molly Sanborn share their passion and biblical insight. Their love for laughter, each other, and Jesus is contagious. Elisabeth Sooy and husband Mark will lead us in worship, and Santosh Chandran will share about Asia-Pacific ministry. Info and registration at bibleleague.org/tickets/. Conference with lunch/\$40 and only available through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Without lunch/\$27 (no refunds after August 31).

#### -WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS-

Praise God for the gift and blessing of children. Thank God for the privilege of raising them and guiding them to become followers of Jesus Christ. Ask God to place a hedge of protection around the children in our community. Ask God to grant them power to resist the enemy when he tempts them (Matt. 6:13). Pray for God to draw prodigal children, who have wandered from the faith, back unto himself. Pray that God will cause faith to grow in the hearts of children so that they will become bold witnesses of His love, power and truth. Pray for children to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ for them, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that they may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:18-19).

## -KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS-

Keep in your prayers the members of our congregation who are in nursing or health care facilities, Dorothy Bazuin at Maple Ridge Living Center in Cadillac and Jeanette Derrick, Kay Hofstra & Betty Meyering at Curry House.

Be in prayer for the following persons, as they undergo treatment and receive on going care for cancer: Barb Boven and Don Schepers.

## -PRAYER CHAIN CALLS & UPDATES-

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. ~ Psalm 34:17

7/16/2024: **Karen Hamming** will be undergoing a heart ablation procedure on 7/23 in TC. Please pray that the procedure is complete success and that she heals quickly.

**UPDATE 7/18**: **Doug Buning** is doing well after a fall which broke his elbow and bruised his face. He will see the doctor on 7/22 and hopes to be driving again soon.

**UPDATE 7/18:** Peggy Rehkopf was scheduled to have surgery on her back on 7/22 but found out she will need a heart valve replacement first which has not been scheduled yet. Please pray for Peggy and her family which has been a long drawn out affair.

**UPDATE 7/18**: **Phyllis VanderVlucht** is still at Samaritas but will be going home on 7/22.

## -AUGUST BIRTHDAYS-

Please help us in wishing those of our congregation with August Birthdays! From everyone at Rehoboth HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Janell Regnerus August 4 Grace Dykhouse August 10 Barb Boven August 12



Mary LaChonce August 14 Nella Eisenga August 23 Jeanette Derrick August 25

## -SPECIAL THANKS-

Rehoboth,

We would like to thank the congregation for your thoughts, prayer, cards, visits, the donations of food for the funeral luncheon and overall support in Eleanor's passing. It was/is very much appreciated.

-Don Bosscher & The Bosscher Family

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# -CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS-

Do you have something to praise God for? Tell us, and we would love to include it in this month's Celebrating God's Faithfulness Video! You can either drop your praise in the "Thankful Box" on the Prayer Resource table at the top of the stairs leading into the Fellowship Hall using the bottom of this sheet OR by scanning this QR code with your phone.

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